

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Tuapeka Harness Racing Club Inc at Forbury Park	Date:	Sunday, 26 October 2014
Weather:	Showery		
Track:	Slushy, Easy, Good		
Rail:	Not applicable		
Stewards:	C Allison (Chairman), S Wallis, C Boyd		
Typist:	M Fahey		

General:

Pre-race blood testing was conducted.

Due to the prevailing weather conditions wet weather dust sheets and mudguards were requested to be used during the earlier races on the day.

Supplementary:

Gore HRC - Saturday 11th October 2014

Stewards concluded an investigation into the explanations given by Trainer S R Wilson and Junior Horseman C Ferguson in relation to the manner **MILLIGAN** was driven at the Forbury Park Trotting Club meeting on the 2nd of October 2014 and the Gore Harness Racing Club meeting held on the 11th of October 2014. The Stewards were satisfied on each occasion C Ferguson had given **MILLIGAN** the best possible opportunity in the circumstances of each race to finish in the best possible position. Of concern to the Stewards were the conflicting explanations in which they advised **MILLIGAN** could be driven on the two separate race days. After reviewing the racing patterns of **MILLIGAN** prior to and following the race days concerned the Stewards accepted the explanations forwarded by both parties as they had genuinely made attempts to improve the starting ability of **MILLIGAN** with no further action required.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	HELLAVAHANOVER, KING CYRIL, PEGASUS DREAM, LIGHTNING MACH, LOOKOFALEGEND, CHANGE TIME, EXPLOSIVE ART, STRIKE ON COMMAND, CLASSIEBEE, SMOKIN BIRD
Protests:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2 S Blake (SELESTER) [Rule 857(7)(g)] Warned to maintain her position behind Mobile. Race 2 P Wallace (HERE'S SHIFTY) [Rule 869(3)(b)] Caution to exercise more care when shifting ground.
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 2 DOCTOR DAVE - Warned Mobiles - Caused False Start Race 3 SPRINGBANK RUBY - Cleared From Unruly Stands Trainer's Request Race 4 NOTHINGFORTHEMEDIA - Warned Racing Manners Race 6 GLENFERRIE ANN - Warned Performance Race 11 DROVER'S EYRE - Warned Stands Race 11 SIBERIAN ROSE - Warned Racing Manners
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Driver Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Nil
Scratching Penalties:	Ineligible from 27/10/2014 until 05/11/2014 inclusive (10 days):

B MAJOR, BETTAKATETHANNEVA, MATCH POINT, SCARLETT LANE, LADY MACKENDON

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 JJ OTAGO/THOMPSON CONTRACTING HANDICAP TROT

SAPPY'S BRITE STAR swung around as the tapes were released losing considerable ground.
DUCHESS DE L'AMOUR broke at the start failing to settle for a considerable distance.
After approximately 100 metres **COCKTAIL WAITER** broke before settling with **COCKTAIL WAITER** breaking again rounding the first bend.
HENGROEN hung during the running and trotted roughly.
Approaching the 1700 metres **ALEXANDRA LEAVING** broke.
SAPPY'S BRITE STAR trotted roughly and raced wide on the track down the back straight on the first occasion.
MIRI hung inwards passing the 900 metre mark.
ALEXANDRA LEAVING was held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the run home.
The winner **HELLAVAHANOVER** drifted outwards in the home straight after driver B Orange had activated the removable deafeners.

Race 2 BISHOPDALE/BUSH INN TABS & TAVERN HAREWOOD MOBILE PACE

A false start was declared when **DOCTOR DAVE** broke in the score up interfering with **BILLY JACK** on the second line.
DOCTOR DAVE was sent to the outside of the second line at the request of the Starter Mr W Ferguson pursuant to Rule 860(8).
Prior to the restart the galloping hood was removed from **KING CYRIL** at the request of the driver G Anderson after the gelding become fired up due to the false start.
In the restart **DOCTOR DAVE** broke again and failed to take any serious part in the race.
The connections of **DOCTOR DAVE** were issued with a warning for mobile starts due to the gelding causing a false start.
Co-Trainer G Knight advised that he would return the gelding to the trials prior to accepting a race day start.
Approaching the winning post on the first occasion **SPECIAL DELIGHT** (R Reekie) was placed in restricted room when racing on the inside of **XMAS IN NEW YORK** (S Murtha) and **HERE'S SHIFTY** (P Wallace) when **HERE'S SHIFTY** was improving to the parked position.
XMAS IN NEW YORK was then restrained to near the back of the field after being caught three wide without cover.
Near the 1200 metre mark **SELESTER** briefly raced four wide on the track due to the loose nature of the field where all runners were giving one another plenty of room.
SELESTER commenced to give ground from the 400 metre mark after being caught wide without cover.
The Stewards questioned Drivers S Murtha, R Reekie and P Wallace regarding the incident at the winning post on the first occasion.
It was established that **XMAS IN NEW YORK** was hanging in despite the efforts of its Driver S Murtha however it was placed in restricted room on the point of the bend when **HERE'S SHIFTY** improved to the parked position. Due to the circumstances the Stewards advised P Wallace to exercise caution in future similar circumstances.
Amateur driver S Blake was warned pursuant to Rule 857(7)(g) to ensure she maintained her correct barrier position in the future after crossing over prior to the start point on **SELESTER**.
When questioned regarding the performance of **HERE'S SHIFTY** Trainer J Kennett expressed his disappointment with the gelding's performance. A subsequent veterinary examination failed to detect any abnormalities with Trainer J Kennett advising he would notify the Stewards if anything comes to light in the upcoming days.

Race 3 LIFE MEMBERS & CRAWFORD FAMILY TROT

MARTINI and **ASTRAPI** both broke briefly at the start.
SPRINGBANK RUBY broke shortly after the start when attempting to improve on the inside of the breaking **MARTINI**.
SPRINGBANK RUBY failed to settle and lost its chance in the race.
Racing into the first bend **KAIZEN** which was challenging wide on the bend for the lead broke losing its chance.
EXPLOSIVE STAR was held up rounding the final bend and through the early stages of the home straight.
With approximately 250 metres to run **ASTRAPI** broke when attempting to improve wider on the track.
Shortly afterwards **SUNVASION** broke losing its chance.
Driver M Heenan (**EXPLOSIVE STAR**) reported to the Stewards he was unable to activate his removable deafeners.
SPRINGBANK RUBY was removed from the unruly for future standing starts at the request of the trainer P Williamson.

Race 4	MORNINGTON TAVERN/LYDERS CONTRACTING MOBILE PACE
<p>With 1100 metres to run COOL SU was unable to maintain its position which allowed RED ELECTRIC to improve into the one-one position.</p> <p>NOTHINGFORTHEMEDIA raced three wide without cover before reaching the parked position passing the 900 metre mark. When improving three wide to improve to the parked position near the 1000 metre mark NOTHINGFORTHEMEDIA (N Williamson) hung inwards tightening RIGHTAROUND (J Cox) inwards onto LEVI JADE (B Orange). As a result both RIGHTAROUND and LEVI JADE broke disorganising the body of the field with RED ELECTRIC, BE ME, ALTAR EGO and COOL SU being worst affected.</p> <p>A warning was placed on the racing manners of NOTHINGFORTHEMEDIA with trainer D McLachlan advising it was his intention to give the gelding a brief respite.</p> <p>COOL SU commenced to give ground sharply from the 600 metre mark finishing a distant last placing with the Stewards requesting a veterinary examination of the mare. The examination revealed no abnormalities.</p> <p>DARK DANA was unable to gain clear racing room throughout the final bend until the 150 metre mark. Driver D Dunn advised he did not activate the removable deafeners on the winner LIGHTNING MACH.</p>	
Race 5	CLUTHA LICENSING TRUST/BILL FITZGERALD CONTRACTING PACE
<p>The track was upgraded from Slushy to Easy prior to the start of this race.</p> <p>SUE ME shifted outwards at the start then tangled briefly.</p> <p>KOWHAI KING broke at the start and failed to settle for some distance.</p> <p>LIVING ROSE and TENACIOUS BROMAC both tangled briefly over the early stages before settling at the rear of the field.</p> <p>OHCEE broke briefly rounding the first bend.</p> <p>The favourite TENACIOUS BROMAC raced three wide without cover from the 1500 metre mark.</p> <p>SUPERFREAK was denied clear racing room rounding the final bend.</p> <p>RUSSET NORKOTAH lay inwards over the final stages when being driven out.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of the favourite TENACIOUS BROMAC Driver D Dunn advised that the colt had hung when he attempted to improve three wide and he was unable to reach the parked position and that the tough run had taken its toll over the final stages. A subsequent veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.</p> <p>The Stewards questioned Driver B Orange regarding the improved performance of LOOKOFALEGEND. Mr Orange advised the Stewards that the horse had improved after its disappointing run at Wairio the previous week where it had been caught in the parked position in a rapid opening 800 metres. It had a more economical trip today which assisted in its improved performance.</p> <p>Co-Trainer J Cox advised he was disappointed with the performance of LIVING ROSE however he was surprised with its support and he would reassess its future racing prospects after it races at Forbury Park next Thursday.</p>	
Race 6	TUAPEKA LODGE FILLIES & MARES MOBILE PACE
<p>The favourite MARGARITA attempted to improve three wide from the 1200 metre mark on the back of SHEEZA SHARK. MARGARITA was unable to maintain its position and was caught three wide without cover over the final 900 metres before tiring over the final stages.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of MARGARITA Driver D Dunn advised the Stewards he did not believe the filly handled the prevailing track conditions and a subsequent veterinary examination was carried out which failed to detect any abnormalities. The connections of the filly advised that they would notify the Stewards of anything that becomes apparent over the next week that could explain its disappointing performance.</p> <p>THE SHAKEY MISTRESS raced keenly through the middle stages before tiring over the concluding stages.</p> <p>GLENFERRIE ANN commenced to give ground from the 800 metre mark finishing a distant last placing with a warning being placed on the racing performance of the mare. The connections advised that they would reassess the future racing prospects of the mare.</p> <p>GO THE STAGS paced roughly near the 500 metre mark.</p>	
Race 7	NIGHT 'N' DAY HANDICAP TROT
<p>The track conditions were upgraded from Easy to Good prior to the start of this race.</p> <p>SO KING trotted roughly through the early stages and broke briefly near the 2600 metre mark when challenging for the lead. SO KING broke again with 2200 metres to run when challenging for the lead. SO KING commenced to give ground from the 700 metres.</p>	

Driver D Dunn advised the Stewards **SO KING** had trotted roughly throughout the event with the Stewards requesting a veterinary examination. The examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer B Norman advised he was no longer persevering with the gelding from his stable.

IDLE CONN raced keenly after improving to the parked position near 1200 metre mark.

With approximately 100 metres to run **IDLE CONN** broke.

GALLEONS TRIUMPH hung at various stages of the running, most noticeably the final bend.

Race 8 | SELWYN PAUL MEMORIAL TUAPEKA CUP HANDICAP PACE

The start of this race was delayed by four minutes due to **CAPTAIN PEACOCK** having to have a padded shoe refitted.

TWILIGHT FRANCO, EXPLOSIVE ART, STARSKY'S DREAM and **BETTER TO BE BAD** all broke over the early stages.

TWILIGHT FRANCO failed to maintain contact with the body of the field due to the quick tempo of the race over the early stages. **TWILIGHT FRANCO** gradually commenced to drift further off the back of the field before being retired from the event.

STARSKY'S DREAM made the bend awkwardly approaching the 1800 metre mark.

MIGHTY FLYING MAC gave ground from the 700 metre mark and was not persevered with over the final stages.

Stewards requested veterinary examinations on both **MIGHTY FLYING MAC** and **TWILIGHT FRANCO** due to their disappointing performances. The examinations revealed no abnormalities.

The Stewards spoke with the respective trainers of both horses Mr C Dalgety and Mr G Hunter after the disappointing performances of both horses not only in this race but also early on today's programme. Both Mr Dalgety and Mr Hunter reported they would follow up with their respective runners and would advise the Stewards of any abnormalities in the upcoming week.

When questioned regarding the performance of the favourite **METICULOUS** Driver T Williams advised he was satisfied with the geldings' performance taking into consideration the overall time and the manner in which the race was run.

Race 9 | PANSPACIFICFLIGHT@MACCA LODGE PACE

SMART CAESAR and **CHIEF KAPAI** both broke badly at the start losing considerable ground.

STRIKE ON COMMAND broke briefly at the start.

FASTROUNDTOWN hung throughout the running with Driver J Ovens advising he had difficulty controlling the gelding.

JUST NED over raced for the majority of the event.

SMART CAESAR ran out of racing room over the concluding stages.

Race 10 | COACH & HORSES INN/TUAPEKA SCANNERS MOBILE PACE

SPIRIT OF CHRONOS broke in the early stages of the score up however recovered to take it rightful position at the start.

IZSHEBAD paced roughly through the early stages then commenced to race keenly.

SPIRIT OF CHRONOS raced keenly through the middle stages when the pace dropped appreciably.

THE LUTTS paced roughly just prior to the straight entrance on the final occasion.

In the home straight **TITAN BANNER** shifted outwards throughout the home straight when being driven out by Driver D Dunn.

Race 11 | WAIHOLA CAFE & BAR/JEFF & COLLEEN YOUNG PACE

WEEDON'S EXPRESS backed away out of position prior to the tapes being released.

DROVER'S EYRE and **FLORETA** both broke with **DROVER'S EYRE** taking a considerable amount of time to settle.

A warning was placed on the standing start manners of **DROVER'S EYRE**.

With 1500 metres to run **SIBERIAN ROSE** broke with **UNIQUE CHANCE, ROSIE LINDENNY, WEEDON'S EXPRESS** and

SUNNIVUE BAY BOY all being inconvenienced by **SIBERIAN ROSE**.

A warning was placed on the racing manners of **SIBERIAN ROSE**.

FLORETA was forced to race four wide without cover from the 800 metre mark before tiring inside the final 400 metres.

SUNNIVUE BAY BOY was held up throughout the final bend.

MISSY MACH struck pylons just prior to the passing lane.

Trainer E Latimer advised the Stewards that **JASPERS BLUE JEAN** would now be retired from his stable and it was their intention for the gelding to be used as a hack.