

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Rangiora Harness Racing Club Inc at Rangiora (All weather)	Date:	Thursday, 6 November 2014
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Easy, Good, Fast		
Rail:	Not applicable		
Stewards:	N Ydgren (Chairman), S Wallis, R Quirk		
Typist:	M Harris		

General:

Stewards advised trainers that wet weather dust sheets and mudguards were to be attached to sulkies.

After Race 3, the track was upgraded to Good and trainers were advised that mudguards were no longer required.

After Race 8, the track was upgraded to Fast.

Supplementary:

NZ Metro TC - Friday 31st October 2014

Race 4 - CLARKSON SIGNS - LARGE FORMAT PRINT. PACE

Horseman B Orange (**NULLARBOR NYMPH**) admitted a charge under Rule 869(2)(a) with the particulars being that during the preliminary he used his whip in an improper manner by contacting the off side leg of his drive on several occasions. After viewing available films and hearing evidence from Stewards and Mr Orange the J.C.A imposed no penalty.

Kaikoura TC - Monday 3rd November 2014

Race 6 - MORE FM MARLBOROUGH MOBILE PACE

Stewards have concluded an investigation into an incident on the final bend regarding the breaking of **WHOOSH FACTOR** (M Jones) and the check received by **LITTLE RASCAL** (J Dunn). Enquiries determined that J Dunn had attempted to use his advantage and ease **WHOOSH FACTOR** down the track which had caused that runner to break. This shift inwards caused these runners to lock wheels and lose ground resulting in further interference to both runners.

Race 8 - ALABAR KAIKOURA CUP (STANDING START)

Stewards spoke with A Butt as the driver of **PASS THEM BY** regarding the breaking of **FLY LIKE AN EAGLE** (T Williams) leaving the final bend. Mr Butt advised Stewards that **PASS THEM BY** had hung inwards under pressure on the final bend despite his attempts to keep him positioned three wide. Mr Butt said that **JASON RULZ**, which was trailing him, had nudged his helmet forwards over his eyes and he had corrected this immediately prior to **PASS THEM BY** shifting further inwards and crowding **FLY LIKE AN EAGLE** which caused that runner to break. After considering his films and reviewing the films Stewards accepted that **PASS THEM BY** had hung on the bend and that the interference had occurred when Mr Butt was rectifying his helmet. For these reasons Stewards took the matter no further.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	KING CYRIL, BETTOR THINK TWICE, VISUALISE, FRANCO TYSON, MOB STAR, TOKOHOKA, TROUBLE RIEU, PAY ME ART		
Protests:	Nil		
Suspensions:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Nil		
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race 1	JAMIE AUSTIN - Warned Performance	
	Race 4	MONEYFORJAM - Veterinary Clearance Received	
	Race 5	KACHINA - Warned Mobiles	

	Race 5	NICKLES N DIMES - Warned Mobiles
	Race 7	NATURAL COURAGE - Warned Performance
	Race 9	EXPLOSIVE STAR - Warned Stands
Medical Certificates:		Nil
Driver Changes:		Nil
Late Scratchings:	Race 2	THE STAG'S ROAR - at 9.27am due to a respiratory infection.
Scratching Penalties:		<u>Ineligible from 07/11/2014 until 10/11/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> THE STAG'S ROAR, PATRICK BEE, SANS LE SOU, MIAMI HEAT
		<u>Ineligible from 07/11/2014 until 16/11/2014 inclusive (10 days):</u> SABBATICAL

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BISHOPDALE/BUSH INN TABS & TAVERN HAREWOOD MOBILE PACE
<p>KING CYRIL was claimed out of this event.</p> <p>KING CYRIL and FRANCO TYRONE raced three wide through the early and middle stages.</p> <p>LEXINGTON LAD raced fiercely when positioned to the outside of the leader through the middle stages when driver G Johns was making an attempt to surrender that position to the improving KING CYRIL.</p> <p>JAMIE AUSTIN commenced to tire from the 500 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Stewards placed a warning on the gelding's racing performance.</p> <p>STYLISH BABE and BILLY JACK were held up throughout the run home.</p> <p>EARTHSHAKER had difficulty obtaining clear racing room over the final stages.</p> <p>When questioned in regard to the improved performance of FRANCO TYRONE trainer/driver D Reardon explained that the gelding had benefitted from a considerable drop in class of field to what the horse had recently been encountering.</p> <p>When questioned with regard to the performance of JIMMY HOFFA trainer B Hill explained that he considered the gelding's disappointing effort could be attributed to racing without cover over the final 600 metres however he undertook to notify Stewards of anything which may come to light in the coming days that could explain its performance.</p>	
Race 2	HAUGHTY MOBILE PACE
<p>TINTINARA was slightly out of position at release point.</p> <p>Racing into the first bend QUAINT GLEN broke and lost a considerable amount of ground. Shortly after VAN DALES DELIGHT became awkwardly placed close to the wheel of BETTOR THINK TWICE's sulky then blundered and broke checking MISS DAISY and TINTINARA.</p> <p>A post-race veterinary examination was requested of OHOKA ROYAL after the mare returned to the enclosure with blood in its mouth. This examination revealed the mare had bitten her tongue.</p> <p>A post-race veterinary examination was carried out on LOVETODREAM after it was reported the filly had made abnormal breathing sounds during the race. This examination revealed no obvious abnormalities.</p>	
Race 3	TAKE A MOMENT TROT
<p>FUTURE PHIL broke at the start and was retired from the race by driver K Cox.</p> <p>Over the early stages TEHORO HOLLY and WILLIE SHINE broke and settled some distance off the back of the field in consequence.</p> <p>Racing towards the 2100 metres POPPA DON broke briefly.</p> <p>FAMILY NIGHT raced keenly during the middle stages.</p> <p>Racing towards the 500 metres FAMILY NIGHT broke and was unable to be restrained to its correct gait.</p> <p>Nearing the 450 metres WILLIE SHINE broke when improving wide around the field.</p> <p>TESSA'S ROCKET was held up in the early stages of the run home.</p> <p>KD HALL raced roughly under pressure over the final 100 metres.</p>	
Race 4	FALSE STEP PACE
<p>A veterinary clearance was received for MONEYFORJAM.</p> <p>HESA DAZZLER broke at the start.</p>	

SCANRECO BAY raced wide in the early stages before improving to the parked position with 1400 metres to run. **LIVE AT SPEED** broke momentarily nearing the 1800 metres inconveniencing **ZENA MAC** and **FRANCO SANCHEZ** who had to shift ground outwards.

Racing towards the 1500 metres **ZENA MAC** had to be steadied when locking stays with the improving **VENUS LINDENNY**. In an attempt to free the stays **ZENA MAC** was shifted outwards where it received a further check from **FRANCO SANCHEZ** which hung inwards momentarily. As a result of this **ALL NUTS N BOLTS** was held up and inconvenienced. Stewards questioned drivers G Smith (**ZENA MAC**), S Ottley (**VENUS LINDENNY**) and T McMillan (**FRANCO SANCHEZ**) regarding the incident and after doing so were satisfied that no one driver could be faulted for the incident.

Racing towards the 100 metres **HESA DAZZLER** broke and lay outwards hampering the progress of **LITTLE LION MAN**. Junior Horseman R Close advised the Stewards he would be recommending the hobbles be shortened prior to resuming. Driver M Purvis advised he did not activate the removable deafeners on **LITTLE LION MAN**.

Race 5 | LORDSHIP MOBILE PACE

KACHINA broke in the score up and was out of position by several lengths at the start. Stewards placed a warning on the mobile barrier record of the gelding.

NICKLES N DIMES broke just prior to dispatch losing its chance. Stewards placed a warning on the mobile barrier record of the gelding.

KACHINA over-raced momentarily rounding the final turn.

WHYCHANGE was held up in the early stages of the run home.

DUNTALKIN was held up for clear racing room and broke approaching the 100 metres.

MOB STAR hung inwards throughout the final straight.

Race 6 | IL VICOLO GRADUATION SERIES MOBILE PACE (HEAT 1)

TAKE AFTER ME raced greenly when being restrained rounding the first bend.

When questioned with regard to the performance of **TAKE AFTER ME** driver D Butt advised he had been disappointed with the efforts of the gelding when considering the run it had received throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

When questioned with regard to the performance of **MUSIC** driver C DeFilippi advised that the horse was pushed back along the rail at a crucial stage and was unable to sprint over the concluding stages. Mr DeFilippi added that the horse is not suited to a sit and sprint race and in the circumstances was not overly disappointed with its effort.

Race 7 | JUST AN EXCUSE GRADUATION SERIES MOBILE PACE (HEAT 2)

BHAPPY was restrained racing into the first turn when crowded for racing room by **NATURAL COURAGE** which was shifting down the track to trail the leading **SMITHY**. After speaking with drivers M Edmonds (**NATURAL COURAGE**) and A Lethaby (**BHAPPY**), M Edmonds was spoken to advisedly for the manner in which he shifted ground.

NATURAL COURAGE weakened passing the 500 metres which inconvenienced the trailing **BHAPPY** which had to shift ground outwards. Stewards placed a warning on the racing performance of **NATURAL COURAGE**.

FRANCO NEESON was held up in the early stages of the run home.

BUNGALOW BILL was held up in the early and middle stages of the run home. When questioned with regard to his decision not to shift outwards on the final bend and into clear running but instead shift inwards to a position behind **SMITHY**, driver D Dunn explained that the gelding had hung at its most recent start on the 17th of October and had done so again throughout the middle stages today. He further added that **DONEGAL JIMMY DAVE** which he was trailing, had peaked on its run and he was confident he would be able to work that runner wider once gaining an advantage in the early stages of the run home. Mr Dunn also said they would be adding a murphy blind to the horse's gear for Cup Day.

Race 8 | FLASHING RED GRADUATION SERIES MOBILE PACE (HEAT 3)

CAESAR'S QUEST raced fiercely in the early part of the score up.

JAYCEES BELLE commenced to tire from the 500 metres. Driver R Close advised the mare had paced indifferently throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer K Neilson advised he would inform Stewards of anything that may come to light in the coming days that could explain the performance.

Race 9 | LYELL CREEK JUNIOR DRIVERS HANDICAP TROT

The start was delayed after **EXPLOSIVE STAR** reared and landed in the sulky of **DONNY WOOD**. Driver J Markham (**DONNY WOOD**) was checked by St Johns staff and cleared of any injury.

EXPLOSIVE STAR was sent to the unruly for the re-start.

Stewards placed a warning on the standing start record of **EXPLOSIVE STAR**.

THE SILVER FOX and **JAMES CASTLETON** broke shortly after the start.

SHELL SEEKER was obliged to race three wide from the 1500 metres and despite the efforts of driver K Cox was unable to progress forward to the parked position with this gelding commencing to tire from the 600 metres which inconvenienced **NICAELA**.

Nearing the 350 metres **I'VE GOT THIS** broke.

Turning for home **NO POTATO** broke.

Shortly after the finishing line **I'VE GOT THIS** became awkwardly placed on the sulky wheel of **SPEEDY EARL**. Junior Horseman M Purvis with his employer R Dunn was shown the films and advised a greater effort was expected in future to avoid runners after the finishing line.

Race 10	MONKEY KING MOBILE PACE
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MIGHTY MARA pulled a shoe in the preliminary and had the other front shoe removed prior to the start. This caused the start to be delayed by two minutes.

EXPRESSO MARTINI over-raced through the middle stages.

KILKENNY TURK weakened passing the 400 metres which inconvenienced the trailing **JOHNNY JET** and **EXPRESSO MARTINI** who both had to be steadied.

EXPRESSO MARTINI then raced roughly through the early stages of the run home and was again restrained by driver M Jones.

TENACIOUS BROMAC was unable to be driven out with any vigour due to the colt pacing roughly throughout the run home. Both drivers advised they did not activate their removable gear on these runners.

Stewards questioned J Dunn (**JOHNNY JET**) regarding his decision not to improve his position outwards near the 700 metres and take up a more forwards position. Mr Dunn advised that the gelding had been asked to work during the middle stages of its most recent race at Addington on the 31st of October and had been disappointing over the final stages. Mr Dunn further advised that where circumstances permit he would be driving the horse in a similar manner.

Race 11	TERROR TO LOVE HANDICAP PACE
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KASHIN and **TAIA'S KID** broke as the start was effected.

LITTLE TESS began awkwardly and settled towards the rear of the field.

CODY SINGER broke shortly after the start losing considerable ground.

TUBBY JIM raced roughly over the early stages.

GOSHAWK and **MR FRANKLIN** were held up in the early stages of the run home.