

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	TASMANIAN TROTTING CLUB
Date:	Friday 1 st December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel: Chair Panel IT & Samples (Human) Inspections Swabs	R Brown N Finnigan C Ellson E Dunbabin T Canham
Officials: Starter Veterinarian Raceday Medical Providers	A Emery Dr M Buckerfield Medical Edge

Random drug tests were undertaken on drivers competing in tonights events.

RACE 1 – LADBROKE IT PACE – 2090m Mobile

SPORTY FRANK was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

DAPPER NZ was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field then working forward in the middle stages to race outside the leader.

NINE DIAMONDS was held up and unable to be fully tested.

AH MACH NZ hung out under pressure in the home straight.

VIGOROSO NZ hung out under pressure in the home straight.

THE DEMOCRAT was detained on course for 2.5 hours to enable post-race blood samples to be obtained.

After beginning satisfactorily **ON MY OATH** has been reinstated in the mobile draw.

All drivers competing in this race underwent a breath test before competing.

RACE 2 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile

MALLEN led early before surrendering the lead when **JUSTIFY** worked forward.

JUSTIFY was restrained after the start before working around the field to take the lead.

JUSTIFY was detained on course for 2.5 hours to enable post-race blood samples to be obtained.

RACE 3 – CAVALORE EQUICARE PACE – 2090m Mobile

All clear was delayed on this event to allow Stewards the opportunity to view the official replays with regard to **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS** (O Weidenbach), breaking and racing inside marker pegs at the 1200 metre mark before rejoining the field shortly after.

After viewing the films in the presence of Trainer B Yole, Driver O Weidenbach and Drivers advocate N Webberley, Stewards were satisfied that when Ms Weidenbach regained her position in the running line her wheel was covered by **MR KIWI NZ** forcing that runner wider on the track.

Stewards took into account AHRR163(2) *If a drivers horse or sulky shifts inside the line of the marker posts, the driver shall restrain the horse and, without interference to another runner, return to a position outside the line of marker posts at the first opportunity.*

Stewards then, under AHRR66, *A horse may be disqualified from a race if the horse - (h) gains an unfair advantage,* disqualified **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS** from second place and All Clear was given on the amended numbers.

At a subsequent inquiry Ms Weidenbach was charged and pleaded guilty to a charge under AHRR162(1)(n), *A driver shall not take or attempt to take an unfair advantage in a race.* Ms Weidenbach was suspended for a period of 4 Tasmanian race dates and advised of her right to appeal.

PETREA BROMAC NZ was checked and broke at the 1200 metre mark.

MR KIWI NZ was checked at the 1200 metre mark, then forced wider when **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS** regained its position in the field.

AMILLION PROMISES was checked at the 1200 metre mark.

WHERE YA BIN NZ was checked at the 1200 metre mark.

PROFICIENT NZ was checked at the 1200 metres.

A warning was issued on the race manners of **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS** which hung out then broke racing toward the 1200 metre mark.

RACE 4 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090m Mobile

SPORTZSILK was restrained after the start.

IMHOOKED was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

NAUTIBUTNICE was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

NAURU stepped on its shoe rounding the home turn and broke. The filly has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

A warning was issued to **WALK ON PHOENIX** which hung in and contacted marker pegs around the home turn before giving ground to be beaten in excess of 42 metres.

Driver M Yole, (**AREYAWATCHINGTHIS**) was fined the sum of \$100 under AHRR162(1)(y) for failing to run the required sectional times.

RACE 5 – INTERSPORT HOBART PACE – 2090m Mobile

BOTANY BAY WARRIOR led the event and was unable to hold the front when challenged at the 1100 metre mark by **SHARMEY**.

Driver T Ford, (**HES APPLES**) was cautioned regarding her whip action in the home straight. Miss Ford was also reprimanded for allowing her horse to shift ground in the home straight.

RUBY BABY NZ was placed on its last chance to race competitively after tiring to be beaten in excess of 51 metres.

DYNAMIC DAN was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field then gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 42 metres.

FEELS LIKA BOSS was restrained after the start.

VELOCITY STRIDE broke a hopple carrier in the back straight the final time. The gear was inspected and found to be in acceptable condition.

Stewards had concerns with the way O Weidenbach, (**VELOCITY STRIDE**) shifted ground in the back straight the final time. This sharp and abrupt move caused no interference to other runners however Stewards have requested the Concession Drivers Advocate to counsel Ms Weidenbach regarding the manner she shifts ground in the future.

RACE 6 – YOUNG GROUP PACE – 2090m Mobile

MISTER FINNIGAN worked around the field in the middle stages to race outside the leader.

PRIDDY EASY underwent a post-race veterinary examination after giving ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 46 metres.

SHANOCON NZ underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 94 metres. No abnormalities were detected and the gelding has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

After beginning satisfactorily **MISTER FINNIGAN** has been reinstated in the mobile draw.

RACE 7 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090m Mobile

THUMBS UP NZ was fractious in the score up before being in position at the start.

LALIBELA NZ was caught wide early before being restrained to the rear of the field.

A warning was issued to **RAINBOW STORM** who hung out throughout the event.

RACE 8 – LADBROKES HUB PACE – 1609m Mobile

SEAL THE DESTINY gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 41 metres.

JUMPING JOLT tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 57 metres.

LANOCH BOY gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 41 metres.

Stewards took into account the faster than average race time when assessing these performances.

BIGJIMVALENTINE (J Duggan), underwent a post-race veterinary examination after pulling hard then working around the field before being retired from the event. Driver J Duggan was of the opinion that the gelding may have choked down. No abnormalities were detected. The gelding has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	Rule
Suspensions:	3	O Weidenbach – 4 race dates	162(1)(n)
Fines:	4	M Yole \$100 – Slow Sectionals	162(1)(y)
Cautions:	5	T Ford – Shift out under pressure	168(1)(a)
Reprimands:	5	T Ford – Whip action	156(2)(a)
Horse Action:	1	ON MY OATH - BMD	
	6	MISTER FINNIGAN - BMD	
	6	SHANOCON NZ – SD1T	
	8	BIGJIMVALENTINE - SDIT	

Pre-race Swabs: 8	1	ONEOFTHELADS	
	2	SVITOLINA LEIS	
	3	MAYLEEJAE EAGLE	
	4	MARV DREAMING	
	5	SHARMEY	
	6	MISTER FINNIGAN	
	7	STAROFREMEMBRANCE	
	8	EYE SEE DOUBLE	
Post-race Swabs:10		ALL WINNERS	
	1	THE DEMOCRAT – PRB (TC02)	
	2	JUSTIFY – PRB – PRB (TC02)	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		NIL	