

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Tasmanian Trotting Club
Date:	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track	Good
Stewards Panel:	Ross Neal (Chair) Jeremy Gleeson (Panel) Tracy Canham (Inspections) Emily Dunbabin (Sampling)
Officials:	Mr A Emery (Starter) Mr Mark Buckerfield (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Medical Provider)

RACE 1 – TILFORD AUTO GROUP PACE – (1,609m Mobile)

PEPPER STRIDE – broke after 250 metres and refused to settle – retired from event near the 700 metres- stood-down to one satisfactory trial.

MAJOR IDEAL – held up passing the 400 metres and was taken inward to improve near the 250 metres.

Concession Driver Jacob Duggan (SPORTZSILK) admitted a breach of AHRR 156(2)(a) and was fined \$200.00 with the particulars being that he applied the whip in more than a flicking motion in his driving out over the concluding stages.

RACE 2 – MATES RATES TOWING PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

SOMEDAN – over-raced in the lead throughout.

MISTA EAGLE – held up rounding the final bend.

ROCKS ROY – momentarily locked wheels near the 175 metres.

EL JAYS BLU - momentarily locked wheels near the 175 metres.

BOTANY BAY WARRIOR – tyre deflated free of interference passing the 800 metres placing him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

SWEET AMOUR – hampered entering first turn.

Driver John Walters (KENS CHIPS) was reprimanded under AHRR 168(1)(a) after permitting his drive to shift ground inward approaching the first bend and dictating SWEET AMOUR over markers. In reaching this finding the Stewards were mindful of the racing manners of both KENS CHIPS and SWEET AMOUR at this point of the race.

Stewards questioned driver Nathan Ford with respect to the tactics adopted on SOMEDAN over the early stages of the race where he elected to go forward, which was a tactic inconsistent with those provided pre-race to the Stewards by trainer Mr Ben Yole.

In explanation Mr Ford stated that his intention had been to obtain cover in the early part of the race and then make a move later when circumstances permitted. However, when he observed other runners, late in the score up, appearing to be easing off the gate and the horse he was following through looking to leave with speed, he seized an opportunity to drive forward and take a more prominent position than originally anticipated. Mr Ford added that after this initial manoeuvre he then drove forward and obtained the lead uncontested.

Given all circumstances, the Stewards acknowledged Mr Ford's explanation.

Driver Mark Yole, (ROCKS ROY) was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground, after moving wider on the track passing the 120 metres to improve and inconveniencing EL JAYS BLU.

RACE 3 – VERSATILE CIVIL CONTRACTORS PACE - (2,090m Mobile)

GYPSY AMOUR - broke late in the score-up and caused a false start – excluded from mobile barrier draws; held up rounding the final bend; checked when in sprint lane near 120 metres; protested against winner – protest upheld.

MAGIC PEBBLES – ducked in abruptly passing 120 metres and checked another runner; lost 1st placing on protest.

SHARMEY – broke a hoppel connecting strap during the running- found to be in good condition.

On returning to scale the driver of second placed GYPSY AMOUR (Rohan Hillier) signalled that he wished to lodge an objection against the first placed MAGIC PEBBLES (Paul Hill) alleging interference near the 100 metres.

In determining the matter, it was established that passing the 120 metres GYPSY AMOUR, which had commenced to improve in the sprint lane, had its momentum halted when MAGIC PEBBLES shifted in abruptly and contacted GYPY AMOUR's off-hind leg. Resultantly, GYPSY AMOUR then had to regain momentum and over the final stages was gaining ground on MAGIC PEBBLES. The margin being ½ neck.

Given all circumstances the Stewards exercised their discretion and upheld the protest. Given the tractability of MAGIC PEBBLES no further action was taken.

RACE 4 – KAYES FENCING PACE - (1,609m Mobile)

DAPPER – slow into formation and marginally out of position at dispatch – warning placed.

TURQUIOISE STRIDE – over-raced in the lead throughout.

RACE 5 – ANDREW WOOD BUILDER PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

KHAKI NUI NZ – broke passing the 150 metres when not in contention – warning issued.

ROSSINI – broke after 150 metres and settled back – warning issued.

BONNY MY BOY – inconvenienced after 150 metres.

RACE 6 – CLAREMONT FOOTBALL CLUB PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

RESERGENT REBEL – broke free of interference near the 1,700 metres – warning placed.

THEUGLYSISTER – inconvenienced briefly near the 1,700 metres.

OUR MIKI DIVA - over-raced throughout; blood present in the nasal area on returning to the enclosure. Post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor laceration.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS – blundered when commencing its preliminary – veterinary examination passed the gelding fit to run.

SVITOLINA LEIS – hung in and contacted marker pegs rounding the final bend.

Following the running of this event driver Ms Tiarna Ford reported that she was unable to fulfil her remaining engagements after suffering from flu symptoms.

RACE 7 – ASSET PLUMBING PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

TERROR THE CHRISTIAN was a late scratching at 9.45am after sustaining an injury prior to being transported to the meeting.

ENDEAVOUR STRIDE – pulled hard in the lead throughout.

SEAL THE DESTINY – gave ground latter stages and finished well back – last chance to race competitively.

RACE 8 – GRANADA TAVERN PACE – (1,609m Mobile)

MESSERATI – was a late scratching at 8:15pm due to no available driver.

GOBSMACKED – dropped knee boot shortly after the start, over-raced in the lead throughout.

MODERN POWER – over-raced outside the leader. Gave ground from 500 metres and finished well back. Post-race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormality- stood down one satisfactory trial.

TWO SOCK CREEK NZ – gave ground from 500 metres and finished well back -post-race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormality.. Stood down two satisfactory trials.

RACE 9 – CLAREMONT CRICKET CLUB PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

LIFEOFBRIAN – broke free of interference for several strides near the 1,700 metres – warning placed.

LALIBELA NZ – held up rounding the final bend.

STAROFREMEMBRANCE – held up and unable to obtain to obtain clear racing room for the majority of the final straight.

RACE 10 – LADBROKES PACE – (2,090m Mobile)

NOVA BAXTER – hung in and contacted marker pegs rounding the final turn.

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R1 – Jacob Duggan [AHRR 156 (2)(a)] – whip action – fined \$200.00
Reprimands:	R2 – John Walters [AHRR 168 (1)(a)] – shifting ground.
Horse Actions:	R7 – Terror the Christian NZ – Stood-down veterinary certificate. R8 – Two Sock Creek NZ – Stood-down two satisfactory trials. R8 – Modern Power – Stood-down one satisfactory trial.
Pre-race Swabs:	El Jays Blu; Sharmey; Dazzle Me NZ
Post-race Swabs:	All Winners.
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:	Nil