

**STEWARDS REPORT**

<b>Club:</b>	Launceston Pacing Club
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	R Brown (Chair) J Gleeson (Panel/data) E O'Sign (Cadet) (Data Assist) M Castillo (Inspections) M MacDonald (Inspections Assist) M Robinson (Swabbing) E Morice-Smith (Swabbing Assist)
<b>Officials:</b>	A Emery (Starter) Dr R Blackwell (Veterinarian) Medical Edge (Medical Provider)

**RACE 1 – COLLINS HOMES PACE – 1680 (MS)**

**NINE DIAMONDS** was out of position as the start was effected. H Van Dongen was reprimanded for failing to maintain her position behind the mobile barrier.

**CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ** was held up early before gaining clear running in the home straight.

**HOT EMBERS** finished the event with a flat tyre. Stewards were satisfied that the tyre deflated without any contact.

**HOT EMBERS** underwent a post-race veterinary examination after giving ground to be beaten in excess of 42 metres. No abnormalities were detected.

**RACE 2 – LADBROKE IT! STAKES – 2200 (MS)**

**CASCADE STRIDE** was held up early before gaining clear running in the home straight.

**NOT YET MUM** broke free of interference on two occasions and has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

**DEMOLITION LINE** underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring to be beaten in excess of 109 metres. No abnormalities were detected and the gelding has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

### **RACE 3 – LADBROKES MARES INCENTIVE – 2200 (MS)**

**GYPSY AMOUR** was inconvenienced around the first turn when **LIL RIPPER NZ** hung in momentarily. A warning was issued to **LIL RIPPER NZ** for hanging.

Driver M Jones (**YEAH SOPHIE NZ**) was spoken to advisedly regarding giving inside horses sufficient clearance racing into the first turn.

**COCORA** tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 76 metres. The mare has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

**YEAH SOPHIE NZ** tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 74 metres. The mare has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

**I OF THE HURRIKANE** gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 47 metres.

### **RACE 4 – BEVAN LEE'S BUTCHERY STAKES – 1680 (MS)**

**ENSTEIN** finished the event with a flat tyre. After a review of the replays in the presence of drivers R Duggan, (**ENSTEIN**) and P Williams (**DEBT TILL WE PART**), which was trailing **ENSTEIN**, no contact could be confirmed.

**MAJOR LESTER** was inconvenienced by a galloping runner around the final turn.

After an inquiry into the reasons **JUSTIFY**, (N Ford) broke racing around the final turn C Castles (**JUST TIGER**) was found guilty of a charge under AHRR163(1)(a)(iii). Particulars were that around the home turn Mr Castles shifted **JUSTIFY** wider on the track, and in doing so caused interference to that gelding causing it to gallop. After taking evidence from both drivers and acting on their own observations of the incident Stewards suspended Mr Castles drivers licence for a period of two race dates commencing at midnight 14/1/23 and expiring midnight 21/1/23.

### **RACE 5 – JEREMY ROCKLIFF COASTAL PACING THOUSAND – 2200 (MS)**

All clear was held on this race to allow driver B Davis, (**JO AN JO**) to view the official replays of the home straight. After viewing the films in the company of senior driver R Duggan, Mr Davis was satisfied and All Clear was given on the Judges numbers

**MONTANA LAD NZ** was out of position as the start was effected. O Weidenbach was reprimanded for failing to maintain her position behind the mobile barrier.

After beginning satisfactorily **WINDY HANOVER** has been reinstated in the mobile barrier draw.

**GRIZZLY MONTANA** gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 40 metres and underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

**MONTANA LAD NZ** gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 40 metres.

**EQUITY STRIDE** gave ground over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 49 metres.

**DUKE OF DUNDEE NZ** underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring to be beaten in excess of 100 metres. No abnormalities were detected and the gelding has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

B Woodsford, (**CEDRIC SEYMOUR**) was fined the sum of \$200 after pleading guilty to a charge under AHRR156(2)(a). Particulars were that he used his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion.

## **RACE 6 – HARDINGS GROUP DEVONPORT CUP – 2698 (SS)**

**MICKEY OH** galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

**JIMMY THE IRISHMAN NZ** galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

**KUZMA** galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the standing start draw.

**DEMAND RESPECT NZ** tired over the concluding stages to be beaten in excess of 90 metres and has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

H Woods, (**STEPPING STONES**) was fined the sum of \$300 after pleading guilty to a charge under AHRR168(1)(a). Particulars were that as the horses raced down the back straight the final time **COOL WATER PADDY NZ**, (R Ashwood), which was leading, shifted up the track slightly and Mr Woods allowed his horse to place her front legs inside the wheel of **COOL WATER PADDY NZ** where there was insufficient room causing the mare to be checked and ultimately breaking severely checking **SUNNY SANZ** and **VILLACI**.

Driver T Rattray, (**GORDONS BAY**) was fined the sum of \$300 after pleading guilty to a charge under AHRR156(2)(a). Particulars were that he used his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion. Stewards took into account that this race was a feature event when arriving at this penalty.

Post-race swab samples were taken from the first three placegetters in this event.

Trainer T Langley, (**RACKEMUP TIGERPIE**) was fined the sum of \$50 under AHRR210 for failing to notify a driver for this gelding before the prescribed time.

## **RACE 7 – S & M HORSE TRANSPORT DASH FOR CASH – 1680 (MS)**

Trainer B Yole, (**JAMES CAGNEY NZ**) was fined the sum of \$100 under AHRR273(6)(b) for failing to have to have the geldings gear accurately recorded.

## **RACE 8 – STACEY LEAR PHOTOGRAPHY STAKES – 2200 (MS)**

**MAJOR MUCHA** was caught wide when working forward three wide in the middle stages before being restrained to the rear of the field.

After beginning satisfactorily **HEZ A FAKE** has been reinstated in the mobile barrier draw.

**DEADLY ASSASSIN** underwent a post-race veterinary examination after tiring to be beaten in excess of 132 metres. No abnormalities were detected and the gelding has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

Stewards spoke to driver O Weidenbach, (**LORD VERDE NZ**) with regard to the way she crossed to take the lead racing into the first turn. Miss Weidenbach was reminded that she must give sufficient clearance to her inside horses when crossing. In this incident **SARASUN** (T Yole) which was restraining to take a trail was slightly inconvenienced.

## **RACE 9 – RACE BOOK COMPETITION ON COURSE PACE – 2200 (MS)**

**CHRISTIAN JAZ NZ** was out of position when the start was effected and has been placed on its last chance in the mobile draw.

**SOMEDAN** tired to be beaten in excess of 73 metres and has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

**GOBSMACKED** tired to be beaten in excess of 57 metres and has been placed on its last chance to race competitively.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS** tired to be beaten in excess of 105 metres and has been stood down until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

After beginning satisfactorily **BOLD CENTURIAN** has been reinstated in the mobile barrier draw.

R Walters, (**KENYA NZ**) was fined the sum of \$200 after pleading guilty to a charge under AHRR156(2)(a). Particulars were that he used his whip with more than a wrist only flicking motion.

<b>Suspensions:</b>	R4 – C Castles – 2 Race Dates – AHRR163(1)(a)(iii) – Cause Interference – commence midnight 14/1/24 expires midnight 21/1/24
<b>Fines:</b>	R7 – B Yole – AHRR273(6)(b) - Incorrect gear - \$100 R7 – T Langley – AHRR -210 – Fail to notify driver - \$50 R5 – B Woodsford – AHRR156(2)(a) – Whip action - \$200 R6 – T Rattray – AHRR156(2)(a) – Whip action - \$300 R6 – H Woods – AHRR168(1)(a) – Careless - \$300 R9 – R Walters – AHRR156(2)(a) – Whip action - \$200
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R1 – H Van Dongen – AHRR162(1)(j) – Fail to maintain R5 – O Weidenbach - AHRR162(1)(j) – Fail to maintain
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	R2 – NOT YET MUM – SD1T R2 – DEMOLITION LINE – SD1T R5 – DUKE OF DUNDEE NZ – SD1T R5 – WINDY HANOVER – BMD R8 – HEZ A FAKE – BMD R9 – OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS – SD1T R9 – BOLD CENTURIAN - BMD
<b>Pre-race Swabs:</b>	R1 – CHEDDAR VALLEY R2 – NANCYS HOPE R3 – CHARMEDFORAREASN R4 – LETSPLAYUNI R5 – WINDY HANOVER R6 – GORDONS BAY R7 – MESSERATI R8 – LORD VERDE NZ R9 – LAID BACK KENNY
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	ALL WINNERS ALL PLACEGETTERS Race 6

<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>	NIL
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**Supplementary: Race 5 Scottsdale 5/1/2024**

An inquiry was held into the circumstances surrounding **COLBY SANZ** finishing the event with a deflated tyre. After taking evidence from drivers J Walters, (**COLBY SANZ**) and R Hadley (**LAST OF THE MOHICANS NZ**) Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that either driver was entirely responsible for the flat tyre and as such both drivers were advised to take more care in similar situations.