

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	Carrick Park Pacing Club
Date:	Sunday 11 th February 2024
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	
Chair	N Finnigan
Panel	R Brown
Data	C Ellson
Inspections	M MacDonald
Swabs	M Robinson, B Wheeler & T Lee-Keys
Officials:	
Starter	A Emery
Veterinarian	Dr M Fitzgerald
Raceday Medical Providers	Medical Edge

RACE 1 – PFEIFFER CRANES PACE – 1670m Mobile

WILD RUMMY – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait in the final turn, severely checking JILLIBY MENDOZA.

CLIFFHANGER – Reinstated in the barrier draw after satisfying Office of Racing Integrity reinclusion requirements.

RACE 2 – MAX OLIVER MEMORIAL PACE – 2150m Mobile

SVITOLINA LEIS – Held up for clear running until passing the 200.

CRACK THE VAULT – A winner of its last three starts, began well working forward from the start, unsuccessfully challenging for the lead. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination after fading over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres. On examination Dr Fitzgerald found CRACK THE VAULT to have a bad post-race recovery. On questioning trainer M Laughler felt the race was not run to suit with the early speed. Further, trainer Laughler undertook to monitor CRACK THE VAULT over the ensuing days and would report anything that may further help to explain the disappointing performance. Stewards accepted these undertakings however also placed CRACK THE VAULT on its last chance to race competitively.

ROYAL APPOINTMENT – Held up for clear running until passing the 200.

RACE 3 – LEIGH & RODNEY PLUNKETT PACE – 2150m Mobile

NOVA BAXTER – Worked forward from the start, securing the position behind the leader. Failed to secure clear running until the final 100 metres. Brushed a sulky wheel when searching for clear running.

GRINNING AGAIN NZ – Failed to finish off the race as would be expected by a \$3.20 race favourite. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination. On examination Dr Fitzgerald could find no obvious abnormalities. Driver Hillier reported that GRINNING AGAIN NZ was making unusual respiratory noises during the event. Stewards stood GRINNING AGAIN NZ down from racing until connections forward on a Veterinary clearance.

RACE 4 – TASMANIAN HEAVY HAULAGE PACE – 2150m Mobile

General: Trainer I Belbin was fined \$100 for not presenting EYE SEE DOUBLE to race wearing the correct saddlecloth number.

RACE 5 – WILSON HOMES TRAINERS INCENTIVE FINAL – 2150m Mobile

MARISOL – Tired badly, beaten in excess of 160 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary examination. On examination Dr Fitzgerald could find no obvious abnormalities. Connections have indicated that they would be reassessing MARISOL'S racing future. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and as such stood MARISOL down from racing until satisfactorily completing one (1) qualifying trial.

HALIS BOY – Gave ground to be beaten in excess of 40 metres.

SWEET ARMOUR – Held up for clear running until straightening for the run to the finish.

RACE 6 – WESTWOOD QUARRY STAKES – 2150m Mobile

General: Stewards acting under AHR Rule 140(2) declared SCOTLYNN BEACH NZ a late scratching, after refusing to move forward when called forward by the starter, despite the efforts of track attendants and the clerks-of-the course, thereby delaying the start.

HICKSTEAD NZ – Completed the event with a broken no 2-carry strap.

SERENGETI SUNRISE – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events after breaking gait during the initial score-up and again on the second attempt. Raced wide for the majority of the first lap before securing the lead. Under pressure over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 60 metres. Due to the false start and subsequent delay, Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt to SERENGETI SUNRISE, taking no action other than to note the circumstances.

RACE 7 – LADBROKES MEANDER VALLEY CUP – 2650m Stand

LORIMERTYRRELL – Will now be excluded from the barrier draw in future standing start events after swinging sideways when the strands were released and rearing before moving away.

JO AN JO – Placed on its last chance in the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

LIL RIPPER NZ – Placed on its last chance to race truly after breaking gait when placed under pressure when searching for clear running early in the home straight for the run to the finish.

KHAKI NUI NZ – Will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for races conducted under standing start conditions after failing to begin in the required manner.

RACE 8 – SCOTT SIGNS STAKES – 2150m Mobile

DENWEN DANCER – Held up for clear running on entering the home straight for the run to the finish, however lost contact with the leader over the concluding stages when driven out.

RACKETEERS BOY NZ – Raced rough on entering the first turn.

COLBY SANZ – Tended to over-race. Held up for clear running at a vital stage of the event.

THE SHALLOWS – Failed to secure clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 9 – DON PECK MEMORIAL – 1670m Mobile

CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ – Shifted out on straightening for the run to the finish and again approaching the winning post.

General: At the 'check-in', R Ashwood, the driver of the second placed SUTTER STAR, exercised his right to view the official race footage of the run to the finish. On review driver Ashwood lodged a protest against CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ (M Yole) being declared the winner, alleging interference in the run to the finish. Stewards, after taking evidence from the drivers, reviewing the footage and then acting on their own observations dismissed the protest declaring "all-clear" on the judge's numbers 6-3-7-4-5. In reaching their decision, although acknowledging CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ had shifted ground, Stewards believed SUTTER STAR had every opportunity to pass CHEDDAR VALLEY NZ in the run to the finish, also of consideration was the winning margin of 1.2 metres.

RACE 10 – PURINA SUPERCOAT PACE – 1670m Mobile

POP PENNIES – Had difficulty in securing clear running over the concluding stages.

Supplementary Report – Race 4 "Meander Valley Property Maintenance Pace"

Stewards concluded their inquiries into the running and handling of BUDGIESMUGGLER by driver Malcolm Jones. Of particular concern to Stewards was, when approaching the 400, he elected move away from the marker peg line, off the back of CAPTAIN DAN NZ, the leader, eventual winner and race favorite. This movement presented an inside run to NOVA BAXTER, trained by Mark Jones, which was able to improve forward, running on to claim second place. Evidence was taken from driver Jones, Ms K Butler the trainer of BUDGIESMUGGLER, and K Williams the driver of NOVA BAXTER. Stewards also reviewed betting into the race, where no suspicious trends were detected. Stewards after considering all the evidence, reviewing the official race video and taking their own observation into account, charged driver Jones pursuant to AHR Rule 149(2) which reads:

A person shall not drive in a manner which in the opinion of the Stewards is unacceptable.

In charging driver Jones, Stewards informed him that they did consider more serious charges, but on this occasion, were prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt. Stewards further stated that the offence in its totality was considered on the upper level of a charge under this rule.

Stewards after considering all the facts, including his guilty plea and his driving status suspended his licence to drive for five (5) Tasmanian race dates, thereby making him eligible to return to driving on Sunday March 3, 2024. Driver Jones was reminded of his right to appeal.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions:	N/A	Malcolm Jones – Unacceptable Drive Five(5) Tasmanian Race Dates	149(2)
Fines:	4	I Belbin; \$100 – Incorrect Saddlecloth	273 (6)(a)
Reprimands:		NIL	
Horse Action:	1	CLIFFHANGER – BMD	
	3	GRINNING AGAINN NZ – SD Vet Clearance	
	5	MARISOL – SD 1 Trial	
	7	LORIMERTYRRELL – ODS	
Pre-race Swabs: 9	1	LAID BACK	
	2	CRACK THE VAULT	
	4	BOUT DAMN TIME	
	7	PARDOE PLUGGA	
	7	LIL RIPPER NZ	
	7	STEPPING STONES	
	8	GORDONS BAY	
	9	ALBERIO	
	10	OUR RUBY ROSE	
Post-race Swabs: 10		ALL WINNERS	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		NIL	