

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: LAUNCESTON PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2016

TRACK: WET

WEATHER: RAIN

STEWARDS: A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
D TYSON
B BAUDINETTE
C DAY
C BRYDON
G GRIFFIN, C ELLSON (STARTERS)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR. ISABEL COLLIER

Trainers with multiple runners engaged in any race were questioned as to their intended driving tactics.

Due to the track conditions Stewards ordered that mudguards be fitted for the race meeting.

NOTICE TO ALL DRIVERS:

A recent amendment to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 170(1) will become **effective from 1 November 2016**. The amendment to AHRR 170(1) states:

A driver shall, throughout the course of a race, drive with both feet in the rests of the sulky, unless he is activating approved gear.

The amendment to Rule 170(1) is '*unless he is activating approved gear*'.

Therefore, **as of 1 November 2016**, drivers participating in Tasmanian races will have the option to use their feet to activate removable gear in accordance with AHRR 170(1). Alternatively, drivers are able to continue to activate removable gear by hand.

An acceptable method of activating gear by foot will be considered by ORI Stewards to occur when the movement of the foot is directed in a sideways or upwards direction from the sulky footrest and it is a requirement that removable or pull –up gear is activated in the above manner.

It is not acceptable for any driver to use their foot with a downward motion from the sulky footrest to activate any gear and offenders may be liable to penalty should they do so.

Regardless of the amendment to this rule, significant penalties for improper driving may apply to any driver that places their foot in close proximity to the hind leg of a horse, to make contact or attempt to make contact with a horse's hind leg.

In an attempt to assist drivers in complying with the acceptable method of gear activation by foot, ORI Stewards will allow drivers to activate removable gear by foot in TRIALS ONLY for the remainder of October 2016.

Any queries regarding this notice please contact ORI Stewards Department on 67771900.

RACE 1 – IMPRESS PRINT PACE – 1680 METRES

ONEMORELAUGH pulled hard in the score up and was held up for a run rounding the home turn and early in the home straight

Pre-race swab samples were taken from TRIPLE AITCH FELLA and JIMMY DE PANDA.

THE VILLAGE SNEAK which led the event then tired from the 400 to be beaten 71.6 meters and underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. The filly has been placed on her last chance to race truly.

WHY WENT WONG (T Hillier) hung out during the event and passing the 400 metres had to be restrained away from TRIPLE AITCH FELLA (J Walters).

AHURA ART was held up rounding the home turn before then obtaining inside running in the home straight.

Driver Peter Dornauf, (JIMMY DE PANDA) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 156(2) for crossing the reins and using his whip with a free hand on two occasions in the home straight. In imposing a fine of \$200 Stewards took into consideration that Mr Dornauf had recently been reprimanded under the same rule.

RACE 2 – NICHOLS SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS PACE – 2200 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from IMA GINGER ROGERS and SEA SKY.

MY MATE TYSON which was out of position at the start despite the efforts of driver Mark Yole has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

ENTREEMAINDESSERT pulled hard in the early part of the event and then whilst being restrained to the rear and then continued to pull hard until obtaining a three wide trail into the event.

Driver Steven Davis (IMA GINGER ROGERS) was reprimanded under AR 156(3) unapproved whip use, the particulars being that he was loose reining in the home straight.

Driver Alistair Woods (EL JAYS MONET) was reprimanded under AR 156(3) for his unapproved whip use, the particulars being that his whip action was more than a wrist and elbow, above shoulder height and also that he loose reined.

SEA SKY raced rough for a short distance near the 800 metres when pulled three wide by driver Kristy Grant.

RACE 3 – SUNRISE BAKERY DIVISION 1 – 1680 METRES

ANIMI SUB IGNIS which initially refused to score up and was then not in position by the candy pole will continue to be placed out of the draw for future mobile start events.

NO UNDIEN SUNDIE shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

MASTER PAIGE was held up for clear running until nearing the finish.

After hearing evidence from drivers James Austin (ANIMI SUB IGNIS) and Samantha Freeman (OUR PERCIUS) relating to the manner in which Mr Austin shifted to the one out line in the early stages of the race Mr Austin was found guilty of a charge for jostling under AHRR 163(1)(a)(ii) and fined the sum of \$200.

RACE 4 – LUXBET LUXDIV PACE – 2200 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from ATTORNEY STRIDE, SULTAN FELLA, OLWEN JACCKA NZ and IM FULL TILT NZ.

Connections of SULTAN FELLA advised that the gelding would be driven in an attempt to lead from its favourable inside draw. Stewards approved the change of tactics and SULTAN FELLA was driven accordingly. SULTAN FELLA tired in the home straight after leading and underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a slow recovery rate. Trainer Paul Ashwood advised that the gelding had worked well in the lead up to the race and that he would advise Stewards of the results of blood tests taken in the days after the race.

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RACE 5 – LEES ORCHARD STAKES – 1680 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from LAKE EYRE NZ and PALMISANO.

LAKE EYRE NZ sustained a flat tyre on the first turn. After hearing evidence from driver Allister Woods Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that contact had been made to the wheel. Mr Woods explained that with the tyre coming off the rim after passing the bell he had no other option than to retire the gelding from the event.

ALL ABOUT ALICE was held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn and early in the home straight.

A post-race swab sample was taken from SIR DASHER DEE, winner of the event.

RACE 6 – GREAT NORTHERN SUPER CRISP PACE – 1680 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from FRANCO SHEFFIELD NZ and MODERN RULER.

ALL I CAN BE pulled hard in the score up.

Driver Paul Ashwood (WILLIAMLEE) explained that his drive had a tendency to hit its knee racing into the first turn and he believed this was the reason the gelding then raced rough for a stride after he had made the decision to restrain and surrender the lead. Driver Matthew Howlett (FRANCO SHEFFIELD) was reminded of his obligation to be one metre clear when crossing.

A post-race swab sample was taken from CHOPSTIX BORIS, winner of the event.

RACE 7 – LUXBET CLUB XTRA PACE – 2200 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from KOTARE MAHDI NZ, UNION FORCE and TIMELY SOVEREIGN.

JAY DUB NZ, REGAL IDEA and TIMELY SOVEREIGN were all out of position from their outside second row draws.

Racing to the 700 metres LIVIA DEGEROLSTEIN broke free of interference and then gave ground, severely checking TIMELY SOVEREIGN (Wade Rattray) which then locked wheels with REGAL IDEA (Hannah van Dongen) which was racing to its outside. Both drivers were then unseated and TIMELY SOVEREIGN then fell. TIMELY SOVEREIGN and REGAL IDEA both underwent post-race veterinary examinations which revealed no significant injuries. Drivers Wade Rattray and Hannah van Dongen were examined by on course paramedics and

were found to be uninjured. LIVIA DEGEROLSTEIN has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 8 – CHARTLEY ESTATE PACE DIVISION TWO – 1680 METRES

Pre-race swab samples were taken from TIBYTOA, AITUTAKI and SIGNIFICANCE.

Connections of AITUTAKI advised that due to the shorter trip and favourable barrier draw that the gelding will be driven forward from the start. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

TIBYTOA was fractious in the score up and then out of position at the candy pole and not fully in position at the start. After hearing evidence from driver Shane Boon as to the geldings racing manners TIBYTOA will now be placed out of the draw.

SIGNIFICANCE raced three wide in the early stages and with no forward position available then restrained to the rear of the field. Post-race swab samples were taken from the gelding.

TRIED AND TRUE was held up and unable to be tested in the home straight.

Claiming Novice driver Jack Laugher (SU YOU TOO) was reminded of his obligations under the rules regarding whip action.

RACE 9 – MICK'S FRUIT & VEGIE SHED CLAIMER – 2200 METRES

A pre-race swab sample was taken from MISTER SUMNA.

Connections of SUTTER MAN advised that gelding would be driven forward from the start, Stewards have approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.

There were no claims in this event.

CATS AND DOGS which tired to be beaten 65 metres has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

CROMAC JAMIE NZ which tired to be beaten in excess of 70 metres has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

A post-race swab sample was taken from SIGNIFICANCE, winner of the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Tasmanian Pacing Club - 9 October 2016 - Race 4

Adrian Duggan trainer of GRINABLE advised that the gelding had displayed no abnormalities in the days following its poor performance and that a Veterinary examination of the gelding both prior to and following trackwork on 17 October also showed no abnormalities. A veterinary certificate of fitness has been submitted and the gelding is now again eligible to race.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	STEVEN DAVIS – R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE ALLISTER WOODS – R156(3) – UNAPPROVED WHIP USE
FINES	PETER DORNAUF – R156(2) – WHIP FREE HAND - \$200 JAMES AUSTIN – R163(1)(A)(II) – JOSTLING - \$200
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	ANIMI SUB IGNIS – CODM TIBYTOA - ODM
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	Nil

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	TRIPLE AITCH FELLA JIMMY DE PANDA
Race 2	IMA GINGER ROGERS SEA SKY
Race 4	ATTORNEY STRIDE SULTAN FELLA OLWEN JACCKA IM FULL TILT NZ
Race 5	LAKE EYRE NZ PALMISANO
Race 6	FRANCO SHEFFIELD MODERN RULER
Race 7	KOTARE MAHDI NZ UNION FORCE TIMELY SOVREIGN
Race 8	TIBYTOA AITUTAKI SIGNIFICANCE
Race 9	MISTER SUMNA

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 5	SIR DASHER DEE
Race 6	CHOPSTIX BORIS
Race 8	SIGNIFICANCE

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

ORI has recently reviewed its Harness policies. To view the updated policies go to:
http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/harness_racing/policies_and_rules - ORI Integrity Policy Manual