OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: OVERCAST

STEWARDS: A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
S QUILL
R BROWN
C ELLSON
J AINSLOW
G GRIFFIN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J MCKENNA

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

All drivers are reminded that new standing start procedures come into effect on Friday 10 March 2017 and that they need to familiarise themselves with the new procedures which are outlined at the bottom of this report.

Acting on a confirmed telephone call from trainer Kate McLeod who advised that due to a vehicle breakdown her runners would not arrive on track in the required time frame Stewards ordered the late scratching of:
Race 1 – BUSTED
Race 3 – WHY WENT WONG
Race 4 - LEGENDA

Those runners have been stood down from racing for 28 days which may be varied upon production of a mechanic’s certificate within two working days of the meeting.

RACE 1 – CUB MOBILE DIVISION ONE – 2297 METRES

FAITHFUL JET was fractious in the score up.

MAJORAMA lost a bell boot rounding the first turn. As the field then rounded that turn on the second occasion SCOOTERWILLREV which was leading, then jumped the bell boot, inconveniencing REGAL IDEA and WASHINGTON EXPRESS NZ which were trailing and also inconveniencing SUN CLASSIQUE. SUN CLASSIQUE then contacted the sulky of WASHINGTON EXPRESS NZ and broke momentarily.

SUN CLASSIQUE which then tired to finish beaten distanced has been stood down from racing for 10 days and until completion of a satisfactory trial.

RACE 2 – AMOURS TROPHIES & GARDEINALIA MOBILE – 2297 METRES

Connections of UNION FORCE advised that with gate speed to its inside they would look to drive the gelding with a forward sit, circumstances permitting. Stewards approved the change of tactics and the gelding was driven accordingly.
Driver Paul Ashwood (SULTAN FELLA) was reprimanded under AR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain his second row draw after the candy pole.

PUSHKIN NZ pulled hard in the score up. The gelding then continued to pull hard whilst racing outside the leader.

Rounding the home turn GANGNAM DANCER and TENFOUR were both held up for clear racing room.

After being headed just prior to entering the home straight KVITOVA LEIS (Todd Rattray) hung out slightly under pressure, locking wheels with TIMELY SOVEREIGN which then raced rough and lost ground as a result.

In the home straight after KVITOVA LEIS had hung out under pressure GANGNAM DANCER which had been held up then obtained an inside run nearing the finish.

Post-race swab samples were taken from PAINT THE WIND, winner of the event.

**RACE 3 – CORROSION TECHNOLOGY ALLEN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL FINAL – 2297 METRES**

Driver Maree Blake was incorrectly listed in the race book as the driver of LOCKAWAY KACIE.

LOCKAWAY KACIE broke in the score up, checking ROCK THE CASBOLT and a false start was then declared.

ROCK THE CASBOLT lost a near fore shoe in the back straight on the final occasion.

TROOPERDORE tired from the 1000 metres and was then pulled up in the back straight on the final occasion by driver Paul Ashwood. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no apparent abnormalities. TROOPERDORE has been stood down from racing for a period of 10 days and completion of a satisfactory trial.

ZHUKOV LEIS hung in and momentarily raced rough on the first turn. The gelding later gave ground from the bell and finished second last beaten 133 metres. The gelding underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed an elevated heart rate and respiratory rate which remained high for some time after the race. Mr Rattray also reported that, in his opinion the gelding failed to handle the track and hung in and out at various stages. Trainer Todd Rattray advised subsequent to the race that the gelding had not been worked since the race and that he was awaiting the results of blood tests which would determine whether the gelding would continue its preparation and would advise Stewards of the results of those samples.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for ZHUKOV LEIS racing four wide on the second turn and after taking evidence from drivers Paul Ashwood (TROOPERDORE) and Todd Rattray (ZHUKOV LEIS), Mr Ashwood was found guilty of a charge under AR163(1)(b) and his licence to drive in races was suspended for two race dates. Mr Ashwood sought and was granted a deferment which allows his suspension to commence at midnight 12/03/2017 and expire at midnight 19/03/2017.

**RACE 4 – TASRACING LEIGH PLUNKETT – 2297 METRES**

Acting on a confirmed telephone call from trainer Melissa Maine who advised that TISU BOMBELLE had filling and soreness in its off hind leg and was unfit to race that mare was scratched at 2.45 p.m. TISU BOMBELLE has been stood down from racing for a period of 28
days which may be varied upon production of a veterinary certificate as to the reasons for the scratching.
Driver Adrian Collins (NO UNDIES SUNDIE) left foot slipped momentarily from the foot rest entering the back straight on the final occasion before being immediately replaced.

Post-race swab samples were taken from IMA GINGER ROGERS, winner of the event.

**RACE 5 – NWTLHA CUP – 2645 METRES**

CROMAC JAMIE NZ which galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

JUKEBOX MUSIC which galloped out has been placed out of the draw.

JUST KNEW which worked forward in the early stages to race outside the leader, then tired over the concluding stages.

IM BARNEY RUBBLE NZ hung in markedly after the start and then, racing into the back straight on the second occasion hung in to the extent that it raced inside marker pegs for some distance before then being retired from the event by driver Rohan Hillier. A post-race veterinary examination of IM BARNEY RUBBLE revealed minor soreness around the gelding’s wither. The gelding has now been stood down from racing for a period of 10 days and completion of a satisfactory trial.

Post-race swab samples were taken from RIVERBOAT JASPER, winner of the event.

**RACE 6 – BRIAN HOPKINS PATRONS MARATHON – 2645 METRES**

CHIRAC underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to run.

JACCKA LEN NZ which galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw.

MODERN CHIC galloped out and shifted out after the start and continued to gallop for an excessive distance, and then tailed the field taking no competitive part. MODERN CHIC has been placed out of the draw for standing start races.

CHIRAC which galloped out will continue out of the draw. The gelding was then shortly after the start inconvenienced by the galloping MODERN CHIC. CHIRAC was then held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn.

RED SUN BLISS was slowly away and was then held up for clear racing room rounding the final turn.

Driver Wade Rattray (KARALTA DAZZLE) was fined the sum of $200 for crossing the reins and using his whip in a freehand manner on three occasions in the home straight under the provisions of AR156(2).

Post-race swab samples were taken from CHIEF DESTROYER, winner of the event.

**RACE 7 – LUXBET PACE – 2297 METRES**

Allister Woods was approved as a late driver replacement for Kristy Grant as the driver of MOBI DOC.

KENNY MOON which was out of position at the start will continue out of the draw.

EL JAYS MYSTERY shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.
Stewards inquired into the whip use and loose reining of driver Adrian Duggan (ART OF MY ART). Mr Duggan was found guilty of a charge under AR156(3) for his unapproved whip use, the particulars being that he loose reined in an excessive manner rounding the home turn in the early part of the home straight. After hearing submissions on penalty and after considering Mr Duggan’s record under the rule his licence to drive in races was suspended for three (3) race dates, commencing midnight tonight and expiring midnight on 17 March 2017.

Stewards adjourned an inquiry into the whip use of driver Gareth Rattray (NANCES DELIGHT).

**RACE 8 – ROBERTS RURAL MOBILE DIVISION TWO – 2297 METRES**

Driver Allister Woods was approved as a late driver replacement for Kristy Grant as the driver of DEMONSTRATIVE.

DEMONSTRATIVE raced rough and then broke nearing the 600 metre mark and has now been placed on its last chance to race truly.

Down the back straight on the final occasion, OUTLAW NZ (John Walters) shifted out slightly and then briefly locked wheels with MAJOR JAMANE.

**GENERAL - DHRC trials 27/2/2017** Driver Paul Ashwood was reprimanded under AHRR 231(2) for the manner in which he addressed driver Adrian Collins (LAKE EYRE) during the running of Trial 1 when driving KRAFTY BOY.

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## PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY

| Race 2 | TIMELY SOVEREIGN  
SULTAN FELLA |
|--------|------------------|
| Race 3 | LOCKAWAY KACIE  
HARJEET  
DASHER HOULI  
ONLY A MYTH |
| Race 4 | RIVERLEGIRL  
IDEAL DISTRACTION  
LITTLE BIT OF BIG |
| Race 5 | POKER STORM  
JUKEBOX MUSIC  
ROGER RAMJET NZ |
| Race 6 | RED SUN BLISS  
MODERN CHIC |
| Trial  | GIRLSANDPEARLS |

## POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY

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ADRIAN CROWTHER  
CHAIRMAN

**ORI has recently reviewed its Harness policies. To view the updated policies go to:**  

**STANDING START PROCEDURES-EFFECTIVE Friday 10 March 2017.**

Starter to blow whistle five minutes prior to start.

Drivers to immediately proceed to start point and do gear adjustments, hopple shorteners etc.

Starter to blow second whistle at two minutes by which time all drivers are to be back in sulky and circling.

Drivers must get starters permission to get out of the sulky after the two minute whistle has sounded.

Horses to circle in an anti-clockwise direction immediately behind their handicap mark with the outside horse on each handicap mark leading the circle with runners then in descending number order.

Circles to use whole width of track regardless of number of runners on any mark.

If two lines of horses on any handicap mark then no tape to be used on the mark ten metres behind that mark.
If no tape is used on a particular handicap then a track attendant will be designated by the Starter to stand on that mark and alert starter if any runner is in front of their handicap by raising their arm and calling to the starter.

When starter calls horses up to tape outside horses on all lines immediately proceed to the top of the track and turn to face tape.

All other runners immediately turn to face tapes.

Inside runners may circle inside the marker pegs to allow sufficient room to turn and face the tape.

As soon as all starters are facing tapes starter will effect the start by calling “stand them up” and simultaneously releasing the tapes.

At Burnie, Scottsdale and St Marys runners will circle anti-clockwise on the infield immediately adjacent to the inside of the track and immediately proceed out onto the track in descending number order when called to the tapes by the starter.

Drivers who fail to comply with the above may be subject to penalty.

Procedures will be reviewed on 30 April 2017.

A copy of this document can be found on the Office Of Racing Integrity website.