OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER 2017  TRACK: GOOD
WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS: A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)
R BROWN
B BAUDINETTE
C BRYDON
D TYSON
P MAHER
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 competing in tonight’s race meeting underwent breathalyser analysis prior to driving.

Participants handling horses at race meetings and trials are reminded of the requirement to wear footwear affording suitable protection, i.e. no thongs or sandals to be worn.

RACE 1 – LEVEN GOURMET MEATS MOBILE – 2297 METRES

A transfer of ownership was processed prior to the race meeting indicating the new owners of ROCK THE CASBOLT to be Fiona Balmforth and Kenneth Broomhead.

NO FEAR OF FAILURE broke in the score up causing interference to runners on the back row and the Starter then called a false start. As the start was effected on the second occasion NO FEAR OF FAILURE then broke after the start. The gelding has been placed out of the draw for future mobile start events.

NO FEAR OF FAILURE raced in the colours of trainer Marc Butler, as the owner colours listed in the race book were unavailable.

ROCK THE CASBOLT, after being under pressure to maintain its position during the run, then gave ground over the concluding stages. The gelding which performed below market expectations underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a very high respiratory rate, profuse sweating, symptomatic of the thumps. ROCK THE CASBOLT has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness to race.

FREDS UNDER FIRE which was inconvenienced after the start by NO FEAR OF FAILURE, was caught three wide in the early stages and then worked forward three wide to race outside the leader.
LAID BACK KENNY was detained on course until 8.40pm to allow post-race swab samples to be taken.

RACE 2 – CUB MOBILE DIVISION ONE – 2297 METRES

Mark Yole was approved as the driver of SHADOW STORM, which gained a start as the emergency.

DEVIL OF TYNE after being placed out of the draw at the TPC meeting on 22 December 2017 was ordered to start from the outside of the second row.

HERBIE HAZE, which performed below market expectations, underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. Trainer/driver Craig Hayes was at a loss to explain the poor performance, adding that the only change to the gelding’s routine was the addition of new seasons hay to its diet, which had led to a slight case of scouring. Mr Hayes added that the gelding would not be nominated again for a fortnight, and that he would report any further findings.

MISS RUTHLESS worked forward in the early stages to race outside the leader then tired over the concluding stages. The mare was vetted post-race and found to have no apparent abnormalities.

Driver Wade Rattray was indisposed and was replaced on his drive on EKTORAS by Samantha Freeman. Mr Rattray will be required to provide a medical clearance before again driving.

Post-race swab samples were taken from FOUR SMART ACES, winner of the event.

RACE 3 – SEAFM CLAIMING NOVICE DRIVERS – 2297 METRES

Listed driver Matthew Howlett (KARALTA DELUX), who was ineligible to drive in the race, was replaced with Steward’s approval by Chris Aylett.

With Wade Rattray being indisposed and no other claiming novice driver available, BUTTERS was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 5.43pm.

AT WEST POINT NZ shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Stewards inquired into the reasons for IM PAIGE and BUCKINGHAM BOY locking wheels on the first turn. After taking evidence from drivers Lee Simmonds, (BUCKINGHAM BOY), Allister Woods, (IM PAIGE) and Chris Aylett, (KARALTA DELUX), viewing the films and acting on their own observations, Mr Aylett was charged pursuant to AR163(1)(a)(iii) for causing or contributing to interference, the particulars being that he shifted down the track from the four wide line after the start when insufficiently clear of BUCKINGHAM BOY, which was then taken inwards and locked wheels with IM PAIGE. Mr Aylett pleaded not guilty to the charge, however, giving due consideration to all of the evidence, Stewards sustained the charge and Mr Aylett’s licence to drive was suspended for three race dates commencing midnight 26 December 2017 and expiring midnight 5 January 2018.

BUCKINGHAM BOY and KARALTA DELUX both tired to be beaten in excess of 80 metres and have been placed on their last chance to race competitively.

Post-race swab samples were taken from MARY JILL, winner of the event.
RACE 4 – HARDINGS HOTMIX MOBILE – 1930 METRES

CEMENTO RAPIDO shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

ULTIMATE COURAGE was held up before then obtaining an inside run close to the finish.

KASH NZ (Natalee Emery), was held up and unable to obtain clear running over the concluding stages.

RACE 5 – JUBILEE BAKERY – 2286 METRES

LORD JONES NZ unsuccessfully contested the lead with LIV LAVISH NZ toward the first turn however LIV LAVISH NZ by virtue of its inside draw was then able to push up and hold the lead.

LORD JONES NZ and DELLAS COMMAND briefly locked wheels entering the home straight on the final occasion.

CRAFTY OLD FOX, which broke after the start has been placed out of the draw and must complete three satisfactory consecutive trials to be reinstated.

MERSEY DELIGHT has now been reinstated in the standing start draw.

RACE 6 – LUXBET PACE DIVISION TWO – 2297 METRES

Hannah Van Dongen was indisposed and unable to fulfil her drive on FRANCO HAMMOND NZ. Stewards approved driver Charlie Castles as the late driver replacement. Ms Van Dongen will be required to provide a medical clearance before again driving.

MONARCO PLAYBOY broke free of interference on the first turn and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

OSCAR BLAKEDON, which was out of position at the start was inconvenienced by the galloping MONARCO PLAYBOY and then also broke.

A post-race veterinary examination was carried out on JACKMICHAELES, which tired and trailed the field. Trainer Ben Yole advised his intention to no longer continue with the gelding’s preparation. The examination indicated a slightly higher than normal respiratory rate. The gelding has been placed on its last chance to race truly.

RACE 7 – MICKS FRUIT & VEGGIES PACE – 1930 METRES

Kent Rattray was approved as a late driver replacement on KARALTA DEMON.

KARALTA DEMON broke free of interference after the start and has been placed out of the draw.

PREFERRED LIES (Todd Rattray) broke free of interference as the start was effected and has been placed out of the draw.

SWINGIN ARMS which was significantly out of position despite the efforts of driver Matthew Howlett has been placed out of the draw.

BLAZING CENTURIAN broke free of interference racing into the first turn and has been placed on its last chance to race truly.
JILLIBY JETTA, 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. The gelding which had not started in a race since 30 August 2016 underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to run.

Driver C Castles(SKETCH) was advised of his obligations to be in position at the start.

SAFARI OAKEY(R Hadley) raced erratically in the home straight, and shifted out before being corrected by its driver.

Post-race swab samples were taken from PREFERRED LIES, winner of the event.

**RACE 8 – SIMON LAWS FARRIER SERVICES CLAIMER – 2286 METRES**

Driver Mark Yole (REGAL STRIDE) was reprimanded for being slow to face up to the tapes. REGAL STRIDE NZ which then galloped out has been placed on its last chance in the draw. The gelding also pulled hard whilst racing in a trailing position.

PUSHKIN NZ galloped out and has been placed on its last chance in the draw. That gelding raced outside the early leader in the early stages before then obtaining cover as PADABING STRIDE worked forward three wide to the position outside the leader. PADABING STRIDE then tired from the entrance to the back straight.

CYRILFROMTHEPOCKET was fractious before the start and swung sideways at the start and has now been placed right out of the draw.

MOTO KENNY NZ stood flat footed and then shifted out after the start, contacting the outside fence. The gelding has now been placed out of the draw.

WILLIAMLEE galloped out and will continue out of the draw.

WRONGLY ACCUSED was fractious before the start and stood flat footed as the start was effected. WRONGLY ACCUSED will continue out of the draw.

Stewards held the all clear in order to view the films of the start, and after doing so were satisfied that all runners were facing forward and had received a fair start. All clear was then given on the judges numbers.

**RACE 9 – URBAN WALL PACE – 1930 METRES**

JAMINAS JOY (Matthew Howlett) withstood a challenge for the lead from COME ON BONNIE around the first turn before COME ON BONNIE then restrained to take a trail on the leader’s back.

TEN CRYSTALS hung out after the start.

LYNNIEMACH has been reinstated in the mobile barrier draw.

CARLAS HEAVEN hung in racing in to the first turn.

ALEMERIA has been reinstated in the mobile barrier draw.

Post-race swab samples were taken from ALEMERIA, runner up in the event.

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| HORSE ACTIONS | NO FEAR OF FAILURE – ODM  
CRAFY OLD FOX – ODS  
OSCAR BLAKEDON – CRODM  
SWINGIN ARMS – ODM  
KARALTA DEMON – ODM  
PREFERRED LIES – ODM  
CYRILFROMTHEPOCKET – RODS  
MOTO KENNY NZ – ODS  
WILLIAMLEE – CODS  
ROCK THE CASBOLT – STOOD DOWN VET CERTIFICATE  
MERSEY DELIGHT – BSD  
OUR MAXICAM – BMD  
PADABING STRIDE – BSD  
CHRISTIAN JAZ- Reverts to ODS from RODS. |

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EBONYALLSTARZZ  
GOOD FEELINGS |
| Race 5 | LORD JONES NZ  
DODGERMEMATE |
| Race 6 | FRANCO HAMMOND NZ  
REGAL MAJOR |
| Race 7 | KARALTA DEMON  
PREFERRED LIES |
| Race 8 | PUSHKIN NZ  
TISU TOOTA  
JIVIN CULLEN NZ |
| Race 9 | JAMINAS JOY |

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ADRIAN CROWTHER  
CHAIRMAN
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