

STEWARDS REPORT

Wellington Race Club WELLINGTON RACECOURSE

Monday 11th September 2017

Weather: Fine.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman), S.P. Fitzgerald & C.N. Pringle

Riding changes:

As A. Chau was injured and R. Brewer was ill, Stewards permitted the following rider substitutions:

Race 2:	A. Banks on <i>Dollar Thief</i> .
Race 3:	App. K. Jenkinson on <i>Suman the Yak</i> .
Race 4:	D. Northey on <i>Noel's Gift</i> .
Race 5:	A. Cavallo on <i>Gunbarrel Highway</i> .
Race 5:	D. Northey on <i>Attilius</i> .

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 900m:

Dooley Star – slow to begin.

Panuara – Stewards viewed the official footage prior to correct weight to determine whether an objection could be lodged on behalf of the connections of *Vaguely Related* against *Panuara* being declared the winner; when Stewards declined to lodge an objection, correct weight was declared; raced very greenly under pressure in the straight and hung out over the final 100; near the 50m, laid out and hampered *Vaguely Related*, which was taken out onto *Algeroba*.

Dunedoo Girl – jumped very awkwardly.

See for Yourself – raced wide throughout.

Girl Most Likely – bumped on the hindquarter by *Vaguely Related* near the 700m and was unbalanced; raced wide throughout.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1100m:

Bendie Boy – raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

Ma Chao – raced wide throughout; hung out throughout near the 500m and hampered *Irish Spy*; near the 100m, ran out very abruptly and bumped heavily with *Irish Spy*. Trainer Mr. G. Lunn was advised a warning would be recorded against *Ma Chao*.

Dollar Thief – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Geotech Miss – App. C. Van Der Werf replaced App. C. Williams (unable to claim full allowance); App. C. Williams was fined \$100 (LR70); began awkwardly.

Irish Spy – raced wide throughout; laid in under pressure in the straight.

Misty Lightfull – slow to begin.

Race 3: Class 3 Handicap 1700m:

Suman the Yak – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be mildly lame in front.

Bel Attrait – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

John D'non – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a poor post-race recovery. Stable representative Mr. J. Thompson advised *John D'non* would now leave the stable.

Subway Surfer – overraced in the middle stages.

Magic Archer – App. J. Gibbons replaced App. C. Williams (unable to claim full allowance); when questioned, rider App. J. Gibbons stated he was instructed to have his mount settle where comfortable, ideally in a positive position and endeavour to have the gelding travel and not overrace. He added he elected to ride forward and take up a leading position whereby his mount raced keenly and he added in hindsight he should have not ridden his mount early and allowed *John D'non* and/or *Subway Surfer* to cross and travel in behind those runners.

Behest – slow to begin; hung out in the early and middle stages.

More Than Alright – began awkwardly.

Your One and Only – improved onto the heels of *Magic Archer* near the 150m and was steadied and shifted out to continue into clear running.

Race 4: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Bakers Image – when questioned, rider A. Banks stated he was instructed to have the horse settle in a position where it was comfortable. He added his mount was slow to begin and he was continually obliged to ride his mount throughout and although his mount made ground in the straight, he was of the opinion the run was flattered by it improving past weakening horses. He added in his opinion his mount felt flat within itself. When questioned regarding whether he could have improved three wide near the 600m when positioned on the back of *Darpra*, he added that runner commenced to weaken and he was positioned to its inside and in his opinion his mount was not travelling well enough to cover further ground or manoeuvre that runner outwards, so he elected to remain racing to the inside of *Darpra*. Trainer Ms. G. Williams advised *Bakers Image* would now be spelled and she would experiment with its gear prior to next start.

Noel's Gift – raced wide throughout.

Darpra – App. J. Gibbons replaced App. C. Williams (unable to claim full allowance); slow to begin; overraced in the early stages; rider App. J. Gibbons accidentally dropped his whip near the 200m; App. J. Gibbons reported his mount felt very lethargic and offered little in the way of improvement; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a very poor post-race recovery; Trainer Mr. D. Lunn advised he would report on the condition of *Darpra* and would provide a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of a blood assay. The inquiry was adjourned pending receipt of those veterinary results whereby a determination would be made on the immediate racing future of *Darpra*.

Bella La Belle – overraced in the middle stages.

Moralto – slow to begin.

Black Baksheesh – awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Calibrium* near the 400m.

Race 5: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1400m:

Mar Nero – slow to begin.

Rehanaat – steadied near the 1200m when *Spanish Fly* (M. Hackett) shifted in when not clear; M. Hackett was reprimanded (AR137(a)); overraced in the middle stages; hung out rounding the home turn.

Samikosho – raced wide throughout.

Gunbarrel Highway – slow to begin.

Malibu Stacy – slow to begin.

Attilius – overraced in the middle stages.

Race 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1100m:

Bergdorf – raced ungenerously in the middle stages and was checked near the 700m; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Blinkin Rockin – slow to begin.

Hu Hit Hu – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Emo Girl – slow to begin.

Faith'n'courage – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Slickster – Stewards permitted App. Ms. K Holding to claim one kilogram of her three-kilogram allowance as there was no other rider available.

Race 7: Class 2 Handicap 900m:

Hellhole – slow to begin; steadied near 800m when *Stato* (K. Dunbar) shifted in when not clear. K. Dunbar was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Turcotte – raced wide throughout.

Childhood Secret – raced wide throughout.

Tennessee Pasha – began awkwardly, steadied near the 800m when crowded by *Repentant*, which was taken in by *Star of Zizou*, which laid in and away from *Coroglen*.

Penny Ella – raced wide throughout.

Miss Morgana – began awkwardly.

General:

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runner:

Race 5: *Rehanaat*.

SUMMARY

Fines:	Race 2: App. C. Williams - \$100 LR70 – failed to claim full allowance.
Reprimands:	Race 5: M. Hackett – AR137(a) – careless riding. Race 7: K. Dunbar – AR137(a) – careless riding.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 4: <i>Darpra</i> (Trainer D. Lunn) – very poor recovery.
Warnings:	Race 2: <i>Ma Chao</i> (Trainer G. Lunn) – racing manners.
Trials:	Nil.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 4: <i>Darpra</i> .