

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Tasmanian Trotting Club @ Elwick		
Date	9 th August 2026		
Weather	Fine	Track Condition	Good
Chair	B. Scott	Panel	J. Lincoln, G. Griffin, B. Hine, J. Marsh, L. Jones
Check In	C. Shaw	Inspections	C. Shaw
Officials	A. McDermott, L. Rice		
Mobile Driver	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Dr. M. Buckerfield		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

Trainers with multiple runners in any one race advised their intended race tactics.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – Typeface Pace – 1609m MS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
4		1	ROBUST SALLY	R. Hillier	No report.
3		2	LITTLE CAPPUCCINA	A. Ashwood	No report.
		3	ASHANTE CHIEF		SCRATCHED
2		4	IDEN ELIZA JANE	R. Backhouse (C)	Hung out during the latter stages of the score-up.
1		5	MY FATAL CHARM	J. Laugher	Out of position at the start due to being inconvenienced during the score up by IDEN ELIZA JANE which hung out.
8		6	CRUNCHTHEGUN	D. Ford	Hung in and raced roughly at various stages of the race. Broke gait near the 100 metres and has been stood down from until the completion of two re-qualifying trials.
6		7	IDEN MISS WORLD	C. Salter	C. Salter was fined \$50 under Rule 210 for a late notification of driver. C. Salter

					was found guilty of careless driving under Rule 168(1)(a) for driving where there was insufficient room between CRUNCHTHEGUN and ANGELIC, in the back straight on the final occasion. C. Salter was fined \$200.
7		8	ANGELIC	T. Ford (C)	Tightened and contacted marker pegs in the back straight on the final occasion.
5		9	BELLAS ANGEL	J. Watson (C)	No report.

RACE 2 – Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Fill – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
7		1	ELLMARINA	J. Laughher	Raced roughly and broke gait near 1300 metres. A subsequent veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
6		2	SHEEZOTINY	D. Ford	Hung in and contacted marker pegs on the final turn.
3		3	ESTELLA HERGE	A. Ashwood	No report.
5		4	IDEN JUST BECAUSE	C. Salter	Stewards intend to inquire into the reason for C. Salter dropping his foot from the sulky rest leaving the 200 metres.
1		5	STOLEN ONE	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
4		6	MISS VINCENTINA	P. Williams	No report.
2		7	VINJETTA	R. Backhouse (C)	Will be re-included in the barrier draw for mobile races

RACE 3 – Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Colt – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
5		1	HEY POSTER BOY	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
1		2	CALZO SNIPER	R. Hillier	No report.
6		3	SOLO SNITCH	J. Laughher	No report.
4		4	ILLAWONG KAMISORI	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
3		5	CLAYTON	A. Ashwood	No report.
2		6	LOTSEVEN	D. Ford	No report.
		7	MYSTERY MAIL		SCRATCHED

RACE 4 – Woodlands Stud Shuttling T – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
8		1	WAVES OF CHANCE	J. Watson (C)	Over-raced while leading the race. Sustained a flat tyre on the offside in the back straight on the final occasion. The evidence was inconclusive as to how this occurred.
1		2	GO THE RED	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
6		3	POWER UP NZ	D. Ford	No report.
7		4	ANOTHER NIEN	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
5		5	CUSTOM HARLEY	H. Woods	No report.
9		6	KEAYANG FITZY	A. Ashwood	No report.
10		7	THE CHANCER	T. Ford (C)	No report.
3		8	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ	J. Laughner	No report.
4		9	MAEBEE	J. Duggan (C)	J. Duggan explained MAEBEE had a tendency to shift out in the straights and shift in on the turns and as a result contacted marker pegs. A warning was issued.
2		10	VANQUISH STRIDE NZ	H. Van dongen	No report.

RACE 5 – Woodlands Stud Your Geneti

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
7		1	SPOOKY GIRL	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
9		2	CHEYS ANGEL	D. Ford	When questioned regarding the performance of CHEYS ANGEL (\$3.30 favourite) which finished ninth, beaten 18 metres D. Ford stated he was obliged to run a faster than average lead time to hold the lead due to other runners progressing forward at the start. He added he was able to steady the tempo for the first quarter to 32.2 however when KNOCK OUT improved to his outside near the 1000 metres, the pace quickened again.
11		3	VICTORY GEORGE	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
10		4	YARECKON IM SWEET	A. Collins	No report.

6		5	SWEET DIXIE	T. Ford (C)	No report.
8		6	SOLO SAFARI	M. Jones (C,5)	No report.
5		7	KNOCK OUT NZ	J. Watson (C,5)	No report.
4		8	IDEN OLIVER	C. Salter	No report.
1		9	CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ	J. Laughher	No report.
3		10	ANDAMAN BAY	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
2		11	EYE SEE AMOUR	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.

General: Following this race, Stewards opened an inquiry into whether C. Salter had worn a safety vest for his drives in Races 1, 2 and 5. After taking evidence from C. Salter, Stewards adjourned the inquiry to examine CCTV and consider the evidence tendered. No date for the resumption of the inquiry has been set. Further, Stewards directed C. Salter to provide his safety vest for examination by the stewards prior to his next drive.

RACE 6 – Ladbrokes Popular Srm Pace – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
1		1	SCHWARZ	M. Yole	No report.
10		2	ITZBUDDHA NZ	A. Collins	Over-raced throughout. Gave ground from 300 metres to finish tenth, beaten 42 metres. A warning was issued for a poor performance.
3		3	EVERYTHING BUT THE	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
4		4	THE DEVILS FLAME	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
6		5	HAZEWILLREV	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
8		6	HAMMER DAN	T. Ford (C)	No report.
9		7	DENNY NZ	M. Jones (C)	No report.
2		8	GOODTIME OSCAR	D.Ford	No report.
5		9	MONEYS NO ISSUE	L. Sutherland (C,5)	No report.
7		10	MISTA EAGLE	H. Van dongen	No report.

RACE 7 – Smithawards Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
3		1	I GOTTA GO	L. Sutherland (C,5)	No report.
1		2	SNOWIEWILLREV	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.

8		3	ALWAYS AURORA	J. Watson (C,5)	Balked during the score up and was out of position at the start. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races and has been stood down for one mobile re-qualifying trial.
2		4	ROCKNALL OVERTHE WORLD NZ	M. Jones (C,5)	No report.
6		5	NATIONAL NEWS NZ	D. Ford	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race
7		6	SOUTHERN LUCK	T. Ford (C)	Broke gait after the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races
5		7	SAPPHIRE GAMBLER	R. Backhouse (C)	R. Backhouse was questioned regarding the tactics he adopted from the start of the race until SAPPHIRE GAMBLER commenced to give ground near the 400 metres. Of concern to the stewards was the tempo of the race while SAPPHIRE GAMBLER raced without cover. Stewards adjourned the inquiry to consider the evidence tendered, review the previous performances of SAPPHIRE GAMBLER and review wagering on the race.
4		8	CHAMONIX	M. Yole	No report.

General: Stewards delayed the all-clear to review the start of the race to determine if ALWAYS AURORA was afforded a fair start. The evidence disclosed ALWAYS AURORA was being assisted by the Clerk of the Course while circling prior to the score up and as ALWAYS AURORA faced the mobile barrier to commence the score up, it balked and resented being assisted further. As a result, ALWAYS AURORA was out of position at the start. After taking evidence from J. Watson, the driver of ALWAYS AURORA, stewards determined that ALWAYS AURORA had failed to participate in the score up due to its own barrier manners, therefore the all-clear was given.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Launceston 26 July 2026 – Race 4

Stewards questioned D. Ford regarding the tactics he adopted on GOODTIME OSCAR, in particular after he moved three wide near the 1400 metres to race outside the leader, SNOWIEWILLREV, his decision to increase the tempo when GO THE RED was improving three wide and not take a trail on that horse. Further stewards questioned his reason for increasing the tempo on the back straight on the final occasion while racing outside the leader. D. Ford explained GOODTIME OSCAR had been working well, and this was the first occasion the gelding had drawn well in a race. He stated he settled in the one out one back early and intended to move three wide in the back straight as he was aware the leader, MISTA EAGLE usually surrenders the lead, however prior to being able to make that move, G. Rattray on SNOWIEWILLREV moved three wide to the lead. He stated by 1400 metres it was evident the horse he was trailing LYNRYD SKYNRYD was not going to take him into the race, therefore he moved three wide to race without cover. He stated once he became aware GO THE RED was improving to his outside, he increased the tempo as he wanted to remain in front of GO THE RED, but he was unable to cross SNOWIEWILLREV to the lead, as that horse began to over-race. As a result of this increase in tempo, a position opened up behind GOODTIME OSCAR and GO THE RED was able to move to that position. D. Ford stated he increased the tempo in the back straight as GOODTIME OSCAR can be one paced and he believed running even sectionals would be beneficial. In determining the matter, stewards reviewed

the previous performances of GOODTIME OSCAR and concurred with D. Ford that this race was the first time in 20 starts that GOODTIME OSCAR had drawn favourably. Further, stewards accepted and it was supported by the race vision that SNOWIEWILLREV began to over-race and this increase in tempo could not be solely attributed to D. Ford's driving. In relation to the increase in tempo in the back straight, stewards accepted that GOODTIME OSCAR is an on-pace horse that benefits from a sustained run. Accordingly, stewards concluded the inquiry with no further action required.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	Nil		
FINES:	1	C. Salter – late notification of driver - \$50	210
	1	C. Salter – Driving where insufficient room - \$200	168(1)(a)
REPRIMANDS:	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS:	1	CRUNCHTHEGUN – Stood down two re-qualifying trials	63(2)
	2	ELLMARINA – Stood down one re-qualifying trial	63(2)
	2	VINJETTA – Re-include in mobile barrier draw	
	7	SOUTHERN LUCK – Exclude from mobile barrier draw.	
	7	ALWAYS AURORA – Stood down one mobile re-qualifying trial and exclude from mobile barrier draw	63(2)
PRE-RACE SWABS:	MY FATAL CHARM, KEAYANG FITZY, EYE SEE AMOUR, HAZEWILLREV, ALWAYS AURORA		
POST-RACE SWABS:	MY FATAL CHARM, CALZO SNIPER, GO THE RED, CAN FEEL THE FURY, SCHWARZ, SNOWIEWILLREV		
POST-RACE TCO2:	Nil		
FOLLOW UPS:	Nil		
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	R2 – C. Salter – Dropped foot R5 – C. Salter – safety vest R7 – R. Backhouse (SAPPHIRE GAMBLER) tactics		

Steward's report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.

Date	Changes / Version
10/8/2026	Version 1