



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Otago Racing Club	Date: Monday the 26 th of December 2011
Weather: Fine	Track: Dead 4, Good 3 before Race 1 Rail: True
Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), A Ray, C Allison and N McIntyre	
Typist: M O'Brien	

GENERAL:

No issues to report

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	CLASSY MATTER, LOCKET, DEAKES, RIC O'SHEA, INFALLIBLE, SEMPER PLUS, FINAL TOUCH, HAYLEY ROSE, KEEP THE CONFLICT, NEWS FLASH, BRIGA, ALUMINIUM BIKERACK
Late Scratchings:	R1 – ALPINE HEIGHTS – vet's advice
Suspensions:	R8 – C Johnson – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting in when not clear 1000m – suspended from the conclusion of racing on 1 st January 2012 up to and including 6 th January 2012 (4 days)
Fines:	
Warnings:	R5 – EXCUSEABLE – Barrier manners R6 – K Williams – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 275m R10 – MIND READER – Barrier manners
Embargos	R9 – DRUMHILL – vet clearance required
Horse Actions:	
Bleeders:	
Medical Certificates:	Medical Clearance received from Lisa Whelan
Rider Changes:	

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BREWER TIMBER STAYERS 2200m
ALPINE HEIGHTS was a late scratching at the barrier on vet's advice at 2.10 pm when discovered to be lame in the off fore. OUR MONA LISA was slow into stride. When spoken to regarding his ride on THE SOLITAIRE J Misbah advised the Stewards that he had decided not to improve wide at the 1200m as he believed it was too soon to be posted three wide but was then pocketed and had to ride the mare for luck rounding the final bend before the gap presented itself at the 350m with the mare battling on well over the concluding stages.	
Race 2	WAL'S NURSERIES – THE PLANT PEOPLE 1600m
BRAMPTON STAR was slow to begin. RECIPROCAL and ANGELOLOGY both raced greenly in the early stages. Passing the 1300m AGENT ARCHIE shifted in when crossing to the lead inconveniencing ANGELOLOGY. Rider R Doherty was advised to exercise care. BLOSSOM FESTIVAL raced wide throughout. OUR SUPERSTAR who was racing keenly made the bend awkwardly passing the 800m. ANGELOLOGY and LUCY O'REILLY were both held up rounding the final bend with ANGELOLOGY only finding clear racing room inside the final	

300m. MCMIGHTY was crowded for room near the 200m by THE GORDONIAN which shifted in under pressure. PRINCESS VITAL hung in under pressure in the home straight. The connections of OUR SUPERSTAR reported that the gelding had received injuries to a back leg during the running consistent with being galloped on and was treated by the Club's veterinarian. Stewards ordered a veterinary inspection of RECIPROCAL which finished in a distance last placing which revealed no obvious abnormalities.	
Race 3	SPEIGHT'S CIDER – YOUNG GUN TWO YEAR OLD 1100m
RUBY RED began awkwardly losing ground. SIR SINGO raced keenly through the middle stages. RUBY RED was obliged to race wide throughout and when placed under pressure inside the final 400m hung in placing the rider at a disadvantage. SWIFTANDSMART shifted in sharply passing the 375m when struck with the whip making contact with RI'GAH BROOK who was buffeted and had to steady momentarily.	
Race 4	MORE FM MILE 1600m
SECOND HOPE began awkwardly and lost ground. GO GO DINGO got its head up and raced fiercely during the early stages. ST BERNARD had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of WINDWHISTLE passing the 800m. When spoken to regarding the performance of GO GO DINGO rider J Morris advised the Stewards that the gelding had not let down in the run home and had disappointed. Stewards ordered a veterinary examination of GO GO DINGO which revealed no abnormalities. Trainer T Rae explained that the gelding was not suited by the slow tempo during the early stages of the race.	
Race 5	TAIERI PRINT 1400m
EXCUSEABLE stood flatfooted and lost considerable ground at the start. The connections were advised that a warning would be placed on the barrier manners of EXCUSEABLE. FONEELEVEN and WHATA DELIGHT were both slow to begin. CEE GEE JAY raced keenly for some distance passing the 1000m. BELLONET and THERULER both raced wide throughout. D Walsh the rider of I'M INQUISITIVE reported that his mount became unbalanced passing the 400m losing ground as a result. He also added the mare felt indifferent in its action over the concluding stages. Trainer B Howden was spoken to and he advised the Stewards that he would report any abnormalities detected in the coming days. OODLES was held up for clear running for a short distance near the 200m.	
Race 6	TL MACLEAN GUINEAS PRELUDE 1400m
FRAGRANT blundered badly shortly after the start and lost ground. MICKEN began awkwardly losing ground. Passing the 1100m SIR DANIEL which was racing keenly shifted out marginally resulting in NORAH clipping the heels of SIR DANIEL and losing ground. Passing the 400m MICKEN had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of WALSHIE. Passing the 300m WALSHIE shifted in abruptly making contact with MICKEN who had to steady momentarily. Passing the 275m SEMPER PLUS (K Williams) shifted out when awkwardly placed on the heels BANGALORE BULLET making heavy contact with COAT OF ARMS which lost momentum as a result. Rider K Williams was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d). COAT OF ARMS lay in over the concluding stages. FRAGRANT was held up for several strides passing the 200m. When spoken to regarding the performance of MICKEN rider L Whelan advised the Stewards that after being slow away and being held up on the home turn she did not have clear running until inside the 200m with the gelding running on fairly over the concluding stages.	
Race 7	BERKLEY STUD STAKES 1200m
BOLINGER was crowded on jumping between ALL SPICE and SO ELUSIVE both of which shifted ground. BOLINGER lost considerable ground in the incident. STUPENDOUS was inclined to race keenly during the early stages. BOLINGER raced wide throughout. STUPENDOUS was held up throughout the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the last 125m. EL CHICO raced in restricted room for several strides passing the 100m. Passing the 200m THE JESTER was buffeted when STUPENDOUS shifted out looking for	

racing room. When spoken to regarding the run of favoured runner IMANI rider J Bullard advised the Stewards that he got further back than anticipated but followed stable mate BOLINGER into the race and when placed under pressure inside the final 300m had failed to run on. Rider J Bullard was of the opinion that IMANI may have been feeling the firm nature of today's track. Stewards ordered a veterinary examination of IMANI which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 8	UPFRONT SECURITY 1200m
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Passing the 1000m SCHLEMM (C Johnson) shifted in dictating DRUMREIMS down onto the line of PRESTIGIOSA who was crowded and had to be checked. Rider C Johnson initially defended a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding but after hearing evidence from the stewards opted to change his plea to guilty. As a result the JCA suspended his licence to ride from the end of racing on 1st January 2012 up to and including 6th January 2012 (4 days). PRESTIGIOSA raced greenly after this incident tending to sky its head passing the 800m. DRUMREIMS raced wide throughout. Passing the 300m FOUR ROSES shifted in under pressure inconveniencing LORD YARBOROUGH which had to be steadied momentarily. Passing the 250m SCHLEMM was crowded by LORD YARBOROUGH which was carried inwards by FOUR ROSES which hung in under pressure down the home straight. Rider K Williams advised the Stewards that she lost the use of her whip passing the 150m. Blood was observed in the nostril of BLUE 'N' GOLD and a veterinary examination revealed a minor cut to the nose consistent with hitting the head on the front of the gates.

Race 9	MYERS MARKETING SPRINT 1200m
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JEAN GENIE shifted in as the start was made hampering TIDDLEY POM, DRUMHILL and IL POVERINO. JAGGARD blundered on jumping away losing ground. REDFERN became unbalanced shortly after the start losing momentum. NATUZZI raced wide throughout. NATUZZI made the bend by the 400m awkwardly. IL POVERINO tended to race keenly through the middle stages. Rider C Johnson advised the Stewards that NATUZZI had hung and raced greenly throughout. When spoken to regarding the performance of IL POVERINO rider L Whelan advised the Stewards that after being crowded shortly after the start the gelding did not travel as expected thereafter and was disappointing when placed under full pressure inside the final 400m. Stewards ordered a veterinary inspection of DRUMHILL which finished a distance last which revealed the gelding to be lame in the near fore with the connections being advised that a veterinary clearance will be required before racing again.

Race 10	OTAGO PACKAGING SUPPLIES MILE 1600m
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MIND READER stood flatfooted at the start and lost considerable ground. A warning was placed on the racing record of MIND READER. HERNANDEZ began awkwardly shifting in making contact with AUDI shortly after the start. HERNANDEZ commenced to race fiercely from that point shifting in abruptly and making heavy contact with ALUMINIUM BIKERACK which became unbalanced. Then approaching the 1500m HERNANDEZ shifted out abruptly and made heavy contact with IMA BARBIE DOLL which was carried wider on the track making heavy contact with GINTY'S CHOICE. Passing the 1400m AUDI who was racing fiercely shifted out abruptly forcing HERNANDEZ wider on the track. HERNANDEZ continued to race fiercely and wide finishing a distant last. A post-race veterinary examination of HERNANDEZ revealed no abnormalities. The connections of HERNANDEZ will be spoken to regarding the gelding's racing manners. AUDI and GINTY'S CHOICE both raced fiercely during the early stages. Rounding the turn near the 1000m GINTY'S CHOICE was inconvenienced for a short distance by ALL ABOARD which shifted in. ALUMINIUM BIKERACK was crowded for room momentarily passing the 300m. When questioned regarding the performance of AHRECO rider R Doherty advised that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages however failed to run on as expected under full pressure inside the final 400m and had disappointed.

