

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Southland Racing Club Date: Thursday the 9th February 2012

Weather: Raining then Showery Track: Dead 4, Dead 5 before Race 1, Dead 6 after

Race 1, Slow 7 after Race 5, Slow 9 after Race 9.

Rail: Out 3 metres

Stewards: M Davidson (chairman), C Allison and M Lawson

Typist: B Gutsell

GENERAL:

Stewards investigated a possible double riding engagement in Race 3 involving C W Johnson. After interviewing all parties concerned Stewards were satisfied Mr Johnson had a confirmed engagement for ANITA PEA. Trainer M Hamilton was advised to ensure he has a confirmed engagement before declaring riders.

Rider Daniel Bothamley admitted a breach of Rule 330(3)(c) in that he failed to make the contracted weight for his rides in Race 1 (CARBONISTA), Race 6 (IGLESIA BAY) and Race 8 (STYLISH ANNIE) with the JCA imposing a fine of \$100.

SUMMARY:

| Swabbing: | MELVA JOY, SPOILT PRINCESS, ANITA PEA, LE VIN, SUCRE, TREAT, WAGONWHEEL, AMIGO, THE BISHOP. | | |
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| Late Scratchings: | R9: THE CHOICE (3.21pm) track downgrade. | | |
| | R10: LAST VINTAGE (2.58pm) track downgrade. | | |
| Suspensions: | | | |
| Fines: | R3: C Johnson Rule 330(3)(c) | | |
| | Failed to make contracted weight – Fined \$100 | | |
| | R1,6 & 8: D Bothamley Rule 330(3)(c) | | |
| | Failed to make contracted weight – Fined \$100 | | |
| | R3: L McKay Rule 647(1) | | |
| | Failed to weigh in – Fined \$100 | | |
| Warnings: | | | |
| Embargos | R4: LEICA ROSE – to barrier trial prior to racing next. | | |
| | R8: THE VITAL TRICK – to barrier trial prior to racing next. | | |
| Horse Actions: | | | |
| Bleeders: | | | |
| Vet Certificates: | R4: JUST FRANK - veterinary certificate received | | |
| Rider Changes: | R1: C Spittles replaced D Bothamley (CARBONISTA) | | |
| | R3: J Morris replaced C Johnson (ANITA PEA) | | |
| | R6: A Mundy replaced D Bothamley (IGLESIA BAY) | | |
| | R8: D Lui replaced D Bothamley (STYLISH ANNIE) | | |

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 SPEIGHT'S MAIDEN 1100 (1100M)

C Spittles replaced D Bothamley as the rider for **CARBONISTA**.

MOLLY MAREE was slow to begin. IMA GEEGEE began awkwardly shifting ground outwards. THE LOGIC and STAR A ROOK made contact on jumping away. Passing the 800m the saddle on SHOWCASE shifted forward placing the rider in difficulty and as result SHOWCASE could not be ridden to any advantage thereafter. IMA GEEGEE raced greenly and was reported by its rider to have lay out throughout the event. THE LOGIC made contact with IMA GEEGEE passing the 250m when looking for clear racing room resulting in IMA GEEGEE shifting wider on the track. STAR A ROOK was observed to have blood in its mouth on returning to the birdcage with a subsequent veterinary examination revealing an injury consistent with the mare having hit its head in the starting gates.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Dead 6.

Race 2 | COUPLAND'S BAKERIES LIMITED R65 1100 (1100M)

PUTRI DELIMA began awkwardly and got back as a result. **QUEENS SUMMIT** raced wide over the early and middle stages. **THE DEWDROP** blundered momentarily passing the 800m losing ground. Passing the 600m **THE DEWDROP** shifted in under pressure momentarily inconveniencing **RULE THE DAY**. **GUFI** was held up passing the 400m only gaining clear racing room inside the final 200m. When spoken to regarding the performance of **THE DEWDROP** rider T Moseley advised the Stewards that after blundering momentarily at the 800m the mare had been flat from this point and had disappointed over the concluding stages. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **THE DEWDROP** which revealed no obvious abnormalities other than showing signs of coming into season.

Race 3 SHEET METALCRAFT R75 1200 (1200M)

Rider C Johnson admitted a breach of Rule 330(3)(c) in that he failed to make the contracted weight for **ANITA PEA** with the JCA imposing a fine of \$100. C Johnson was replaced by J Morris.

IMA DUDE was slow over the early stages. Passing the 900m **PEACE** which was laying in shifted in making contact with **THE BOYS** which was crowded and buffeted for several strides. **PETER RICHARD** raced wide throughout. Apprentice rider Miss L McKay in the presence of trainer Mr M Pitman admitted a breach of Rule 647(1) in that she failed to weigh in following her ride on **PEACE** which finished in sixth placing in this event. After hearing evidence and submissions the JCA after consideration imposed a fine of \$100. When spoken to regarding the performance of **EL MAURICIO** rider A Mundy advised the Stewards that the gelding had a nice run throughout however when placed under full pressure at the 400m had not responded to her urgings and had disappointed.

Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **EL MAURICIO** which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

Race 4 INVERCARGILL LICENSING TRUST MAIDEN 1360 (1360M)

ZOE BROOK began awkwardly shifting in hampering BETHUNE BILLY which lost ground as a result. Passing the 1200m LEICA ROSE which was racing keenly shifted out abruptly when being checked off the heels of FLUFFY COAT into the line of EVIDENCE which clipped a heel and blundered momentarily. Also inconvenienced in this incident was SCHOCKEMOHLE which was forced over extra ground. LEICA ROSE continued to lay out throughout the event and passing the 100m shifted out and away from LEEBOY into the line of CALLA LEE which had to steady and change ground. When spoken to regarding the performance of EVIDENCE rider C Johnson advised the Stewards that although he had been inconvenienced at the 1200m EVIDENCE had raced disappointingly. He further added in his opinion the gelding had not been suited by the prevailing track conditions.

The connections of **LEICA ROSE** were advised the filly must barrier trial and show its competiveness to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. Trainer M Stokes

advised the Stewards he believed it was the owners intention to finish with the filly as a racing proposition.

Race 5 THE SOUTHLAND TIMES R65 1360 (1360M)

POWDER CREEK shifted out abruptly as the start was made making firm contact with KINA WIN which was shifted out onto HIGH OLD TIME and PRYZILLIAN which was checked losing ground. DORIS BROOK was slow to begin. Passing the 1200m CINNAMON and HIGH OLD TIME made contact resulting in CINNAMON being shifted outwards and dictating LATINUS and CELLMATE wider on the track. Passing the 1100m DORIS BROOK dipped momentarily losing momentum. CINNAMON raced wide through the early stages. In the shadows of the post KINA WIN had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of LE VIN. When spoken to regarding the performance of CELLMATE rider A Webb advised the Stewards the gelding had failed to handle todays prevailing track conditions. When spoken to regarding the improved performance of LE VIN trainer K Thompson advised the Stewards the gelding had won fresh up in its previous campaign and after a lengthy spell a forward showing today was anticipated.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 7.

Race 6 RAVELSTON STUD MAIDEN 1600 (1600M)

A Mundy replaced D Bothamley as the rider for IGLESIA BAY.

The start of this event was delayed approximately 6 minutes 20 seconds due to **TITHING** escaping riderless from the start area and after being recaptured by the clerk of the course undergoing a veterinary examination before being declared fit to start. There was a further delay due to minor repairs being required to the running rail at the 1400m.

WILLIE ROYDON shifted out at the start hampering TITHING which lost ground as a result. TITHING then bounded skying its head when being asked to shift ground inwards. IGLESIA BAY had to steady shortly after the start when runners either side shifted ground. SUCRE raced keenly in the early stages. Passing the 1400m IGLESIA BAY had to be steadied off heels when racing keenly. MY D'OR US made the first bend awkwardly and then lay out for the entire event. When spoken to regarding the performance of VOODOO BEACH which finished in a distant last placing rider C Johnson advised the Stewards the trainer had taken the blinkers off the mare and this may have contributed to the disappointing run. Trainer M Hamilton advised the Stewards he would be putting the blinkers back on VOODOO BEACH for its next start.

Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **VOODOO BEACH** which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

Race 7 SOUTHERN BOLTS & FASTENERS R65 1600 (1600M)

BALLYRINA began awkwardly losing ground. Racing into the first bend **STRANGER DANGER** which was improving forward slipped and blundered momentarily losing momentum. **SHATARKA** also shifted in the ground passing the 1200m. **NEWSFLASH** raced wide throughout. Passing the 700m **PRINCE OF THIEVES** also blundered in the ground losing momentum.

Following the running of this event a meeting was convened of Stewards and all riders to view the two incidents where runners had slipped and blundered in the ground. After viewing the films and following discussions the riders were unanimous to continue with todays program but to closely monitor conditions race by race.

Race 8 PROFESSIONALS MACPHERSON REALTY LIMITED MAIDEN 2000 (2000M)

D Lui replaced D Bothamley as the rider for **STYLISH ANNIE** due to no senior rider being available.

The start of this event was delayed approximately 3 minutes and 43 seconds due to the saddle on **THE VITAL TRICK** becoming loose during the preliminary with the saddle needing to be adjusted. Stewards ordered **THE VITAL TRICK** undergo a pre-race veterinary

examination with the gelding subsequently cleared to start. JAMES TEE CEE and THE VITAL **TRICK** bumped heavily as the start was made with **JAMES TEE CEE** losing ground as a result. **THE VITAL TRICK** was under pressure at the 800m and was not persevered with thereafter. SHE'Z A STAR shifted in under pressure over the concluding stages and passing the 75m brushed with THE TINY TART and had to be straightened. When spoken to regarding the performance of THE VITAL TRICK rider D Walsh advised the Stewards the gelding had floundered in todays track conditions and had moved in the ground several times during the running resulting in it not being persevered with from the 800m. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of THE VITAL TRICK which revealed no obvious abnormalities. The connections of THE VITAL TRICK were advised the gelding must trial and prove its competitiveness to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. Stable representative Mr T Dennis advised they would be reassessing the racing future of THE VITAL TRICK. When spoken to regarding the performance of JAMES TEE CEE rider C Spittles advised the Stewards the gelding had not been comfortable at any stage and had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **DINO** rider T Moseley advised although he had received a nice run throughout he was under pressure when asked to improve from the 400m and he believed the gelding failed to handle the prevailing track conditions.

Race 9 MCKNIGHT & BROWN R75 2000 (2000M)

THE CHOICE was declared a late scratching at 3.21pm due to the downgrade in track conditions.

The start of this event was delayed approximately 4 minutes 55 seconds due firstly to **LAUDERCREEK** which was very fractious in the birdcage proving difficult to get to the start area and then other runners being reluctant to load.

LAUDERCREEK and **KING PRAWN** were both slow over the early stages. **THERULER** raced keenly through the early stages. Passing the 450m **KASBAH KEEPER** had to steady when crowded for room when **POROTENE SKY** gave ground at this point. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **KING PRAWN** rider C Johnson advised the Stewards the gelding had failed to handle the wetter track conditions today. The Stewards will be speaking with trainer M Hamilton in regard to the performance of **LAUDERCREEK** which finished in a distant last placing today.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 9.

Race 10: RADIO NETWORK R65 2000 (2000M)

LAST VINTAGE was declared a late scratching at 2.58pm due to the downgrade in track conditions.

The official start time of this event was put back 8 minutes to 5.18pm due to the delay with the previous event and the short time gap between races.

AQUALINE began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with PERSONAL JUSTICE. POSTMASTER raced wide and keenly through the early stages before being taken forward to sit outside the leader. AQUALINE and PERSONAL JUSTICE made the crossing at the 1700m awkwardly. AQUALINE was taken forward to a clear lead passing the 1000m. Passing the 50m IRISH WIT and RIVER BEAR made contact. Rider A Webb (IRISH WIT) was reminded of his obligations to ride his mount out fully to the finish when circumstances permit. When spoken to regarding the performance of POSTMASTER rider D Bothamley advised the Stewards that after over racing in the early stages the gelding had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. When spoken to regarding the tactics adopted on AQUALINE trainer M Pitman advised the Stewards that the gelding had raced best when ridden in similar style as the way it was ridden today. He also advised that he believed Apprentice L McKay had ridden exactly to his instructions. Mr Pitman also added that it is his intention to spell the gelding.