



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Southland Racing Club	Date: Saturday the 18 th February 2012
Weather: Showery	Track: Dead 4, Dead 5 before Race 1. Dead 6 after Race 1. Slow 7 after Race 4. Slow 9 after Race 9.
Rail: True	
Stewards: M Davidson(Chairman), A Ray and C Allison	
Typist: B Gutsell	

GENERAL:

Todays programme was put back one race when the Southland Racing Club were notified by an anonymous caller that the track had been littered with nails at various points. Stewards delayed the start of todays programme while a full inspection of the track was undertaken. Located at various points during the search of the track were approximately 120 lead head nails. Stewards were then satisfied the track was safe to begin racing. This incident was then referred to the Police with the matter is to be investigated with the assistance of the RIU.

The start of the Invercargill Cup had to be shifted forward to the 2550m start as the new gates could not be placed correctly in the Chute at the 2600m start. All connections with runners in the Cup were advised prior to race day.

All runners in Race 7 today were pre-race blood tested.

J Bullard admitted a breach of Rule 330(3)(c) in that he failed to make the contracted weight for his rides in Race 5 (**INFALLIBLE**) and Race 7 (**COAT OF ARMS**) with the JCA imposing a fine of \$100.

Trainer P Harris admitted a breach of Rule 537(a) in that he was late declaring a rider for **BACCO** in Race 9 with the JCA imposing a fine of \$50.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	RAPID KASH, WHATA DELIGHT, YOUNG BACHELOR, GINTY'S CHOICE, CHAPARELLA, ZENAGEN, NATUZZI, ORTEM FIRE, UPPLAND, ROSELINE, GARGAMEL, STRAITOTHEPOOLROOM, PHIL WENNECK.
Late Scratchings:	R5: THE CHOICE (12.48pm) – track downgrade. R5: MISS MILLBROOK (14.02pm) – track safety. R7: NORAH (16.07pm) – refusing to load. R8: KING PRAWN (13.54pm) – track downgrade. R11: LAST VINTAGE (13.54pm) – track downgrade. R11: NEKO (14.02pm) – track downgrade. R11: KINA WIN (16.18pm) – track downgrade
Suspensions:	R3: L Robinson – Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding. Suspended 26 th February to 4 th March inclusive. (4 days)

Fines:	R5 & 7: J Bullard - Rule 330(3)(c) Failed to make contracted weight. Fined \$100 R9: P Harris – Rule 537(a) Late declaration of rider. Fined \$50
Warnings:	
Embargos	
Horse Actions:	R4: MIND READER – to trial to Stewards satisfaction. R7: NORAH – to trial to Stewards satisfaction.
Bleeders:	
Medical Certificates:	
Rider Changes:	R5: C Johnson replaced J Bullard (INFALLIBLE) R7: A Webb replaced J Bullard (COAT OF ARMS) R9: L Robinson replaced K Williams (BEATA) R10: C Johnson replaced K Williams (NOBLE REASON) R11: J Bullard replaced K Williams (SAVANUR) R11: A Webb replaced D Bothamley (PINZACOURT)

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	SADDLERY WAREHOUSE INVERCARGILL MAIDEN (1200M)
<p>TITHING was slow to begin. ALL ABOUT AUD and PROXIMITY came together as the start was made. MOLLY MAREE was slow over the early stages. Passing the 800m BLUE 'N' GOLD had to be steadied when racing keenly. Passing the 250m STAR A ROOK shifted ground outwards when looking for clear racing room momentarily inconveniencing PROXIMITY. CARBONISTA shifted out abruptly passing the 75m and had to be straightened. Rider B Moore (STAR A ROOK) in the presence of her employer Mr M Pitman, J Misbah (BLUE 'N' GOLD) and D Walsh (RAPID KASH) were questioned regarding an incident rounding the turn near the 750m where BLUE 'N' GOLD was checked and lost ground. Due to the inconclusive films it could not be established as to whether any one rider was responsible for the incident and as such no further action was taken other than to advise both D Walsh and B Moore to show greater care when in similar circumstances in future. The connections of BLUE 'N' GOLD viewed replays of the incident at the 750m before deciding not to lodge a protest. Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Dead 6.</p>	
Race 2	SPEIGHT'S R75 (1200M)
<p>WHATA DELIGHT began awkwardly losing ground. Passing the 150m WHATA DELIGHT which was laying in had to be straightened. Passing the 125m REMEMBRANCE shied outwards from WHATA DELIGHT which was improving to its inside momentarily hampering SPOILT PRINCESS. D Walsh reported to the Stewards that STREET LIGHT hung out for the entire journey.</p>	
Race 3	SHEET METALCRAFT MAIDEN (1600M)
<p>INOONO was slow to begin. DUBAI BEAR shifted out abruptly at the start hampering JUST FRANK and MAITLAND GREY with both runners losing ground as a result. Passing the 1400m WILLIE ROYDON (L Robinson) shifted in dictating YOUNG BACHELOR down onto SUSPEND US which then crowded the running of TUNZA VITALITY which was buffeted and had to check. L Robinson admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding with the JCA after hearing evidence and submissions from Stewards and L Robinson suspending Mr Robinsons licence to ride from the 26th February up to and including 4th March (4 days). WILLIE ROYDON had to be steadied off the heels of DUBAI BEAR passing the 900m. Passing the 200m TUNZA VITALITY shifted out when looking for clear racing room making contact with DUBAI BEAR. SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA shifted in under pressure over the concluding</p>	

stages. When spoken to regarding the performance of **KILPATRICK** rider D Walsh advised the Stewards the gelding had a hard run in its previous start and failed to handle the prevailing track conditions.

Race 4	MCKNIGHT & BROWN R65 (1600M)
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MIND READER stood flat footed in the gate and lost considerable ground at the start. Trainer G Tippet was advised the mare must trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing again. **GINTY'S CHOICE** and **TREAT** were crowded on jumping between **CENTALIGN** and **LE VIN** which shifted outwards as the start was made. **CENTALIGN** then hung out crowding **DREAMZEEL** wider on the track. **DREAMZEEL** then inconvenienced **APACHE** which was slow to begin. **GINTY'S CHOICE** raced keenly in the early stages. **GINTY'S CHOICE** lay in over the concluding stages. When spoken to regarding the performance of **HONORA FLYNN** rider C Johnson advised the Stewards that the mare had travelled well early in the race but when placed under pressure passing the 500m had failed to respond to his urgings and had disappointed. Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 7.

Race 5	CASTLEDALE SUMMER CUP BENCHMARK R85 (1600M)
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THE CHOICE was declared late scratchings at 12.48pm due to the downgrade in track conditions. Stewards allowed the scratching of **MISS MILBROOK** at 2.02 pm due to the owners concerns over the safety of the track (Nails thrown on track).

C Johnson replaced J Bullard as the rider for **INFALLIBLE**.

THE BOYS began awkwardly shifting out dictating **CHAPARELLA** wider on the track.

Race 6	COUPLAND'S BAKERIES R75 (1360M)
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The explanation from trainer K King as to why she was slightly late declaring a rider for **ROYAL TAP** was accepted by the Stewards. **THE HAMMER HEAD** shifted out on jumping making contact with **IMA DUDE** with both runners losing ground. **CEE GEE JAY** was slow to begin. **REDFERN** raced keenly in the early stages. Passing the 900m **CEE GEE JAY** (J Misbah) which was laying in shifted in making contact with **THE HAMMER HEAD** which was buffeted and had to steady. Rider J Misbah was advised to exercise more care when in similar circumstances in the future. **CEE GEE JAY** raced wide throughout. **IMA DUDE** was held up for some distance rounding the turn by the 500m. **ROYAL TAP** lay out from the 900m and could not be ridden to any advantage thereafter eventually finishing in last placing. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **ROYAL TAP** which revealed no obvious abnormalities. Trainer K King advised the Stewards **ROYAL TAP** will no longer be persevered with as a racing proposition. When spoken to regarding the performance of **CEE GEE JAY** rider J Misbah advised the Stewards that after being caught wide throughout the mare had only battled in today's wetter track conditions.

Race 7	ILT ASCOT PARK HOTEL SOUTHLAND GUINEAS 3YO (1600M)
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A Webb replaced J Bullard as the rider for **COAT OF ARMS**.

SCHOCKEMOHL dislodged rider T Moseley and escaped riderless for a short distance from the start area. **SCHOCKEMOHL** underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to race. Rider T Moseley was examined by the St John Ambulance paramedics and cleared to ride. The start of this event was further delayed due to **NORAH** which had become fractious refusing to load into its starting gate and being late scratched. The connections were advised the mare must barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing next.

COAT OF ARMS was slow to begin with **SUCRE** being slow over the early stages. **SCHOCKEMOHL** was crowded on jumping between **GOLDEN JUBILEE** and **UPPLAND** both of which shifted ground. **NATUZZI** raced keenly into the first bend. **ORUTAN** raced wide throughout. Passing the 1100m **ORTEM FIRE** had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of **GEM LOVER**. Stewards opened and adjourned an enquiry into the reasons **LOCKET** blundered at the 425m dislodging rider K Williams and also bring down the trailing **SUCRE** (C Bellew). **GEM LOVER** was also hampered in this incident. St John Ambulance paramedics

examined both riders involved in this incident with rider K Williams being transferred to hospital as a precautionary measures and C Bellew being cleared of any injury. **LOCKET** and **SUCRE** were both examined by the clubs veterinary surgeon and found to be suffering superficial injuries only.

Following the running of this event Stewards convened a meeting with the riders from this race after safety concerns had been raised regarding the track conditions at the 800m. A delegation of Stewards, senior riders and club officials inspected the track and after a further meeting with all riders it was unanimously decided to continue with todays programme.

Race 8	COMCAT PLANT ENHANCER R75 (2100M)
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KING PRAWN and **PERSONAL JUSTICE** were declared late scratchings at 13.54pm and 14.36pm respectively due to the downgrade in track conditions.

BUFFYS BOY was crowded on jumping between **IRVING AVENUE** and **MANONTHEMOON** both of which shifted ground. **ROSELINE** had to be steadied near the 2000m when awkwardly placed on the heels of **MANONTHEMOON**. **PEGASUS BRIDGE** raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the performance of **BUFFYS BOY** rider J Morris advised the horse in her opinion was not suited by the holding nature of todays track.

Race 9	THE SOUTHLAND TIMES INVERCARGILL GOLD CUP (2550M)
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L Robinson replaced K Williams as the rider for **BEATA**.

BACCO raced ungenerously when being restrained over the early stages. Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 9.

Race 10	NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK OPEN (1360M)
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C Johnson replaced K Williams as the rider for **NOBLE REASON**.

NOT TONITE and **THE JESTER** both raced keenly over the early stages. **OUR GENES** and **THE JESTER** both raced wide throughout.

Race 11	LUSTY'S SHOWCASE JEWELLERS/STASHH FASHION UNCOVERED R65 (1600M)
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LAST VINTAGE, **NEKO** and **KINA WIN** were declared late scratchings at 13.54pm, 14.02pm and 16.18pm respectively due to the downgrade in track conditions.

J Bullard replaced K Williams as the rider for **SAVANUR**. A Webb replaced D Bothamley as the rider for **PINZACOURT** due to rider Bothamley not wanting to continue riding with the shifty nature of todays track.

BERBATOV began awkwardly. **SECHURA** was slow to begin with **SAVANUR** slow over the early stages. **RICHARD TRIMBOLE** raced keenly through the early and middle stages tending to sky its head on several occasions. **SECHURA** was inclined to lay in during the running. **SAVANUR** raced wide throughout.