

### STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: Riverton Racing Club Date: Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 Weather: Fine Track: Good 3 Rail: True

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin, C Allison and M Lawson

**Typist: B Gutsell** 

#### **GENERAL:**

Leniency was given in relation to rider declaration for this meeting due firstly to the large number of runners backing up from the first day and also the shortage of senior riders available for this meeting.

All Riders with riding engagements today at Riverton were breath tested. All riders provided clear samples.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing:	JUST FRANK, ISHIGOLD, MY D'OR US, STREET LIGHT, WHAT A
	FIND, INFALLIBLE, AU NATUREL, YA DREAMIN JONESY, KING
	PRAWN.
Late Scratchings:	R6- PETTY LANE - On Veterinary advice
Suspensions:	
Fines:	
Warnings:	
Embargos	
Horse Actions:	Race 3: STAR A ROOK – warned barrier manners
Bleeders:	
Medical Certificates:	D Bothamley – Medical Clearance required.
Rider Changes:	Race 2: S Muniandy replaced D Bothamley
	Race 5: K Walters replaced D Bothamley
	Race 7: J Bullard replaced D Bothamley

#### RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	TRACKWORK FOR CATWALK PLATE SPONSORED BY PGG WRIGHTSON & VITAL
	SIGNS (2147M)

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes due to the St John Ambulance paramedics attending to a licence holder who had been injured in the birdcage. APARIMA HELEN began awkwardly and skied its head on several occasions when being steadied over the early stages. GALLIVANT raced keenly over the early stages.

Following the running of this event riders K Walters and S Muniandy advised the Stewards their mounts had moved in the ground at the 1700m and 500m respectively in this race. A meeting of all riders that rode in Race 1 was held with the Stewards and all riders were unanimous to continue with today's program.

Following the running of this event rider D Bothamley reported to Stewards he was feeling unwell and after being examined by the St John Ambulance paramedics was stood down

from his riding engagements today. D Bothamley was advised a medical clearance would be required prior to his riding next.

# Race 2 COLAC BAY MAIDEN SPONSORED BY TORRESDALE SUFFOLK STUD & AB LIME LTD (1200M)

S Muniandy replaced D Bothamley as the rider for PETER PARROT due to there being no senior rider available.

WET PAINT was slow to begin. PETER PARROT shifted in abruptly as the start was made losing ground. STAR ROYALE raced wide throughout. The saddle on WET PAINT slipped forward passing the 800m placing the rider in difficulty with WET PAINT being unable to be ridden to any advantage for the remainder of the event. FOUR GEES raced in restricted room throughout the final straight. UPSTAAT was held up for clear racing room for several strides passing the 200m. In the shadows of the post ISHIGOLD which was laying out shifted out abruptly dictating PROXIMITY into the line of BELLE D'OR which had to steady. PETER PARROT lay in over the concluding stages. Rider J Misbah (BELLE D'OR) reported to Stewards he accidentally dropped his whip passing the 200m.

## Race 3 MONOWAI MAIDEN SPONSORED BY TSK WHITE & WAIAU HEREFORD STUD (1400M)

KNIGHTONTHETOWN was subject to a pre-race veterinary examination and cleared to race by the club veterinarian.

STAR A ROOK which was very fractious in the gate began awkwardly losing considerable ground. The connections of STAR A ROOK were advised the mare was on a warning for its barrier manners. COUP ROTORUA and TITHING were both slow to begin. Passing the 1250m GUN RUNNER (L Robinson) shifted inwards across the junction momentarily inconveniencing KNIGHTONTHETOWN which was racing keenly. L Robinson was advised to exercise care when riding in similar circumstances. SHADY TAP raced wide throughout. STAR A ROOK after catching the body of the field began to over race and had to be steadied out off heels passing the 1000m. COUP ROTORUA lay in throughout the final straight and had to be straightened passing the 200m. TITHING was held up in the final straight until inside the final 100m. When questioned regarding the performance of ZAHAVAH rider C Johnson advised the Stewards the mare had a good run throughout but had only battled over the concluding stages and was disappointing. SHADY TAP which was observed to have blood coming from its mouth on return to the birdcage following this event underwent a veterinary examination which revealed the filly to have a minor laceration to the inside of its mouth.

# Race 4 THORNBURY HANDICAP SPONSORED BY FORDE AUTO SERVICES & THORNBURY TAVERN (1200M)

BACIO FRANCESE began awkwardly losing ground as a result then raced keenly passing the 900m skying its head on several occasions when being steadied off heels of the runner in front. REMEMBRANCE raced keenly through the middle stages.

### Race 5 WAIPANGO HANDICAP SPONSORED BY FARM FORESTRY SERVICES LTD (1400M)

K Walters replaced D Bothamley as the rider for AMBITIOUS FOLLY due to there being no senior rider available.

AMBITIOUS FOLLY was slow to begin with THE GUTTERSNIPE bounding as the start was made losing ground. SLAM DUNK raced wide throughout. MIND READRER was held up for several strides passing the 400m. COAT OF ARMS lay in throughout the final straight and passing the 150m shifted in inconveniencing SLAM DUNK which had to steady and change ground. WHAT A FIND was inclined to lay in over the concluding stages.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner FOUR ROSES apprentice rider B Moore advised the Stewards the mare had a good run throughout but when placed under full pressure inside the final 400m had failed to respond to her urgings and had

disappointed. She also added the firmer nature of the track today may have also been a contributing factor in the performance. J Morris the rider of LIMOUX advised the Stewards in her opinion the mare had not backed up from its run on the first day and had disappointed. When questioned regarding todays form reversal of WHAT A FIND trainer M Hamilton advised the Stewards that he had been happy with the geldings fresh up run at Wingatui at its previous start and with the extra distance of today's race the stable had been confident of a better showing today.

## Race 6 LONGWOOD HANDICAP SPONSORED BY F J SHEARING DRAINAGE & CRT SOUTHLAND (1400M)

PETTY LANE was declared a late scratching on veterinary advice after being found to be lame in the right fore leg. The connections advised Stewards it was their intention to now spell the mare for a lengthy period.

THE JESTER raced keenly over the early stages. ALL SPICE raced wide throughout. HILL OF GOLD was held up from the 400m and passing the 300m shifted out to find clear racing room and in doing so brushed with the tiring ALL SPICE.

## Race 7 GUMMIE'S BUSH HANDICAP SPONSORED BY SPEIGHT'S & RIVERTON TRANSPORT (2147M)

THE BISHOP was slow to begin. HIGH JINX shifted out abruptly at the start hampering DECEPTIVE, GUSSIE BOY and PERSONAL JUSTICE whom all lost ground as a result. HEZA KOOL KAT raced fiercely when being steadied by its rider over the early stages. GUSSIE BOY raced wide through the early and middle stages. AQUALINE was held up by the tiring VIVA LA DANSKE from the 600m until inside the 350m. Passing the 400m THE BISHOP shifted out to obtain clear running momentarily placing POWER PACK in restricted room. AU NATUREL shied and shifted outwards abruptly in the shadows of the post. When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner HIGH JINKS rider J Morris advised the Stewards the mare was not suited by todays firmer track conditions.

### Race 8 RIVERTON LIFE MEMBERS SOUTHERN CHAMPION HACK HANDICAP (2147M)

DANZ A ROOK and ACQUIT were slow to begin. DANZ A ROOK raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner ACQUIT rider C Johnson advised the Stewards he had been outpaced over the early stages and despite his urgings to improve the mare had failed to respond and had only battled over the concluding stages and had disappointed. He further added ACQUIT was not suited by the firm nature of todays track. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of ACQUIT which revealed no abnormalities. When questioned regarding the improved performance of YA DREAMIN JONESY today rider J Morris and trainer G Dobbs both advised the Stewards the gelding had been ridden in front today and allowed to set its own pace and this had been the major contributing factors in the improved performance.

Rider C K Lui was spoken to by the Stewards regarding his ride on DANZ A ROOK. He advised he had been instructed to ride just in behind the pace today. He stated he believed K Walters (WOODYEVA) would cross to the fence early which would leave him in the two wide line. However SMUDGEE had kicked up inside WOODYEVA which kept DANZ A ROOK wide. Mr Lui further advised Stewards when asked about the option of taking a position behind WOODYEVA that DANZ A ROOK was pulling hard and he believed it would not be in the mares best interests to restrain at that point of the race. When questioned regarding the option of going forward at this point in the race Mr Lui advised RELAMPAGO had come off the trailing position and he would still have been left wide. He also added the mare had made the first bend awkwardly. Stewards advised Mr Lui they believed he had erred in not taking a sit behind WOODYEVA early in the race and reminded him of his professional obligations to ensure he gives his mount every possible opportunity to obtain its best position during a race. Trainer V Christophers advised the Stewards she intended to put a stronger rider on for future events due to the mares tendency to pull hard during the

running.	
Race 9	TARAMEA BAY HANDICAP SPONSORED BY RIVERTON PLUMBING &
	RIVERTON SUPERVALUE (1600M)

SAVANUR and IMA DUDE both raced keenly through the early stages and into the first bend. KASBAH KEEPER raced wide throughout. KING PRAWN was held up for several strides passing the 500m. NIGHT LIFE was also held up rounding the final bend. NIGHT LIFE had to be steadied out off the heels of IMA DUDE when looking for clear racing room passing the 200m. Shortly after crossing the finishing line the winner KING PRAWN slipped dislodging rider CK Lui who was attended to by the St Johns Ambulance paramedics and found to have suffered only minor superficial injuries. CK Lui was excused from weighing in by the Stewards as a result of this incident pursuant to Rule 647(1). Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of KING PRAWN which revealed no abnormalities. When questioned regarding the performance of IMA DUDE rider J Morris advised the Stewards the gelding had pulled hard throughout the race and she has suggested to the trainer that gear alterations be made.