

STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Riverton Racing Club	Date:	Thursday 3rd May 2012
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 5		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), A Ray and M Lawson		
Stenographer:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to the meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

<p>Race 8 at the Otago Racing Club Thursday 12th April.</p> <p>Stewards completed an investigation into the ride of apprentice rider D Lui on LORD JOHN in this event. After viewing replays of the concluding stages of the race and taking evidence from apprentice D Lui, it was established that Mr Lui did stop riding momentarily just short of the finish. Stewards however did not think that this affected LORD JOHN'S chances of winning the race and as such deemed no further action was necessary, other than to strongly remind rider Lui of his obligations to ensure he rides his mounts out fully to the finish and does not ride in a manner which leaves himself open to question in future.</p>
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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	KID COLUMBUS, LAUTENSCHLAGER, TAPDANO, WILLY DUGGAN, MIMADO, COPPER TAP, PATTY HEARST, CITYCENTA, LE VIN.
Suspensions:	Race
Fines:	Race 4: B Howden - Rule 616(3) presented BUFFYS BOY without declared Side Winkers. Fined \$50.
Warnings:	Race 9: L Robinson – Rule 638(1)(d) - warned shifting ground 150m.
Bleeders:	Race
Horse Actions:	Race
Medical Certificates:	
Rider Changes:	Race
Late Scratchings:	Race 4: PINZACOURT (12.42pm) – no amateur rider available.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	ADVANCE AGRICULTURE AND BAY ROAD SERVICE CENTRE HURDLES (2600M)
<p>AT THE TOP was slow to begin. JACOBS RIVER (J Rathbone) made the first jump awkwardly and fell on landing dislodging the rider. KID COLUMBUS made the final jump awkwardly. RELAMPAGO sustained a minor laceration to his near hind coronet during the running. Rider J Rathbone was examined by the St John Ambulance paramedics and declared fit to fulfill her remaining riding engagement. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of JACOBS RIVER which revealed no abnormalities.</p>	
Race 2	RIVERTON ELECTRICAL AND TELFER DRAINLAYING STEEPLECHASE (3400M)
<p>Favourite ZAGATA knuckled on landing at the water jump resulting in rider T Ihaka losing his irons. Shortly after ZAGATA was pulled up by its rider and after being resaddled completed the course eventually finishing in fifth placing.</p>	
Race 3	McCALLUMS DRYCLEANING, SADDLERY WAREHOUSE AND MARQUEE & PARTY HIRE MAIDEN (2147M)
<p>MEDIEVAL, DAY CENTRE and THATS THAT were all slow to begin. OOR WULLIE had to be checked passing the winning post on the first occasion when improving onto the heels of MAITLAND GREY. OOR WULLIE then commenced to race keenly for some distance thereafter. DEE'S ROCK raced wide without cover through the early and middle stages.</p>	
Race 4	THE SOUTHLAND TIMES AND TUATAPERE FREIGHT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (1600M)
<p>PINZACOURT was declared a late scratching at 12.42pm due to no amateur rider being available.</p> <p>GALLIVANT was crowded on jumping between WILLY DUGGAN and RIVIERA STAR which hung out. KASBAH KEEPER raced keenly during the early stages. BUFFYS BOY and IRISH WIT raced wide throughout. GALLIVANT had to be steadied near the 300m when crowded for room by WELSHTOWN which was forced wider on the track by RIVIERA STAR (L Wheeler) which was shifting wider in search of clear running. L Wheeler was issued a caution and advised to exercise greater care when</p>	

shifting ground in future. Trainer B Howden admitted a breach of Rule 616(3) in that he presented BUFFYS BOY to race in this event without the declared Side Winkers with the JCA imposing a fine of \$50.	
Race 5	TONY ROY BUILDING, RIVERTON ENGINEERING AND THE PAVILLION COLAC BAY MAIDEN (1600M)
GOSSIP GIRL was slow to begin. Approaching the first turn WET PAINT had to be steadied when crowded for room between KNIGHTONTHETOWN and ROCKY HEIGHTS (C Van Der Werf) which shifted in marginally. Rider C Van Der Werf was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground in future. MIMADO raced fiercely during the early stages. KNIGHTONTHETOWN raced three wide without cover throughout. TITHING was held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Near the 300m BLOSSOM FESTIVAL had to be steadied when crowded for room by KNIGHTONTHETOWN which was dictated wider on the track by ROCKY HEIGHTS. C Van Der Werf was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground in future. Near the 200m CEEJAY CYCLONE was buffeted between MOLLY MAREE and ROCKY HEIGHTS.	
Race 6	SPG, TRAVELLERS REST TAVERN AND BEACH HOUSE CAFÉ & BAR MAIDEN (1200M)
TUTATAP which was slow to begin was crowded for room between FOUR GEES and LA GEE which shifted in. Shortly after the rider of TUATAP lost his near side iron before regaining it after a short distance. ELSEMOR blundered and lost ground near the 900m. TORRICELLA raced wide throughout. TUATAP had to be steadied passing the 600m when becoming awkwardly placed on heels. Near the 400m TUATAP shifted wider on the track crowding PETER PARROT out onto FOUR GEES which was bumped and over reacted shifting out abruptly forcing PINKIE PIE over extra ground. TORRICELLA hung in under pressure over the concluding stages and had to be straightened.	
Race 7	J R MILNE & SON LTD, DONALD WHITE HEDGE CUTTING AND MRS CLARK'S CAFÉ MAIDEN (1400M)
GUN RUNNER shifted out at the start crowding AIBILEEN, UPSTAAT and MOTORBOAT MIKE. Approximately 50m after the start AIBILEEN and UPSTAAT were crowded for room between MOTORBOAT MIKE and GUN RUNNER which was crowded wider by JIMMY THE GURU which was forced wider on the track by VARVARA which hung out at that stage. PATTY HEARST raced four wide throughout. BELLE D'OR hung in on straightening for the run home placing the rider at a disadvantage. Rider K Walters (GUN RUNNER) was dislodged shortly after the finish and following an examination by St John Ambulance paramedics was declared fit to fulfill his remaining riding engagements.	
Race 8	D T KING AND FISHER ALUMINIUM HANDICAP (1400M)
ROMEO which was fractious and collided with the gate pad on leaving the birdcage underwent a pre-race veterinary examination around at the start area and was cleared to start in this event. VINTNER, GOLDEN SPOT and CEE GEE JAY were slow to begin. NIGHT LIFE became unbalanced when becoming awkwardly placed on the running the rail when joining the course proper near the 1200m. HEZA KOOL KAT raced wide throughout.	
Race 9	McKENZIE MENSWEAR AND RIVERTON HARDWARE HANDICAP (1200M)
MIND READER was slow to begin. SPLIT DECISION scrambled as the start was made. HIGH FORTY and MIND READER were crowded for room near the 600m by SHUTUP CAT which shifted in. Near the 150m WIN ROCK had to be steadied when crowded between LOGAN TOWN and SPLIT DECISION (L Robinson) which shifted in under pressure. L Robinson was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) and advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground in future. FOUR ROSES was momentarily crowded for room by THE DEWDROP which shifted in under pressure passing the 150m. LOGAN TOWN raced in restricted room over the final 200m. JEAN GENIE was reported to have lay in throughout the running. When questioned regarding the performance of favourite RITUAL rider R Hutchings advised he had been flat throughout the running and could offer no tangible excuses for the performance. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of RITUAL which revealed no abnormalities.	