

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	17 th December 2012
Weather:	Drizzling/Fine		
Track:	Good 3 – Downgraded to Dead 4 after Race 2		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), C Allison and R Quirk		
Typist:	M O'Brien		

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

Pre-Race blood testing was carried out at this meeting.
KC Walters whom was injured and stood down on Saturday did not attend today's meeting and was replaced on his one ride in Race 4 SAVONT by R Doherty.
J Bullard admitted a breach of Rule 330 (3)(C) in that he failed to make the weight for RED BULL (Race 1) and was fined \$100 by the JCA.
A medical clearance to ride was received covering Agustina Comignaghi.

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	REMIND ME, CHAPEL STAR, DUBAI BEAR, SAVONT, NO ROSETTES, RIDLEY, TUNZA VITALITY.		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race	1	J Bullard – Rule 330 (3) (c) Failed to make contract weight – Fined \$100
		1	T Kennedy – Rule 616(3) Presented DRUMGOLD to race without side blinkers – Fined \$50
		6	B and S Anderton – Rule 614(2) Presented UBETCHA to race with the wrong saddle cloth – Fined \$75
Warnings:	Race	6	P Shaikh – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 200m
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	1	SWEET BUT NEAT – must trial to the Stewards' satisfaction
Medical Certificates:			
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race	1	K Williams replaced J Bullard as the rider of RED BULL

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	GARDENS NEW WORLD MAIDEN 1200m
K Williams replaced J Bullard as the rider of RED BULL . RED BULL raced keenly when being steadied through the early stages and made the first bend awkwardly. STRUCTURE was caught wide over the early stages and the favourite ASK ME raced wide throughout. SWEET BUT NEAT who was hanging out failed to negotiate the final bend running very wide on the track and eventually finishing in a distant last placing. When spoken to rider R Doherty advised that he could not control the mare who was laying out badly and would be recommending a rein pricker to the trainer. The connections were advised that the mare must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards. Stewards also ordered a veterinary examination of SWEET BUT NEAT which revealed no abnormalities. Trainer T Kennedy admitted a breach of Rule 616(3) in that he presented DRUMGOLD to race without side blinkers which were notified with the JCA imposing a fine of \$50.	
Race 2	GARDENS NEW WORLD MAIDEN 1200m
NANCHO LASS began awkwardly losing ground. BRAMPTON STAR stumbled on jumping. XHALE was hampered at the start losing ground and then was caught wide through the early stages. WHARE CREEK threw its head in the air when being steadied in the early stages. Rider A Denby (THE GOVERNATOR) accidentally dropped her whip when passing the 300m. Passing the 250m BRAMPTON STAR shifted out under pressure momentarily resulting in XHALE having to steady and	

change ground inwards. Following the running of this race the track was downgraded to Dead 4.	
Race 3	THE REEF SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & BAR MAIDEN 2100m
SUN OF GOLD, GIOCCHINO, ALEXSTONYSAPRANO and YEAHMAN all raced keenly during the early stages due to the lack of pace. LIDIACO raced wide into the first bend before being taken forward to lead. Passing the 350m MY SYDNEY BOY who was shifting out for clear racing room made contact with DENISE'S TOY BOY . PERFECTLY COURT was inclined to lay in during the early part of the run home with the rider swapping whip hands. Passing the 150m YEAHMAN lay in onto the heels of DUBAI BEAR and had to be straightened. Also passing the 150m SUN OF GOLD became awkwardly placed on the heels of the tiring ALEXSTONYSAPRANO and had to be steadied to change ground outwards.	
Race 4	LEITH ST LIQUORLAND RATING 65 1100 1100m
MARKALOUSHKA who was fractious in its preliminary throwing itself on the ground underwent a veterinarian inspection prior to the start and was cleared to race. WISEGUY was slow to begin. DORIS BROOK began awkwardly shifting in and hampering MARKALOUSHKA who lost ground. TUG O' WAR raced wide rounding the first bend. HERNANDEZ was held up for clear racing room in the latter stages of the run home. I'M MAVERIC was inclined to lay out in the run home and had to be straightened.	
Race 5	SPEIGHT'S CHRISTMAS CUP RATING 75 2100m
The start of this race was delayed by five minutes and thirty-one seconds due to MUZZA having to have a hind racing plate replaced. KEMDALE was obliged to race wide in the early stages. DECEPTIVE raced keenly through the early and middle stages. When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner MUZZA rider R Bishop advised that the gelding had been flat throughout and could offer no tangible excuses other than the improved track conditions from its previous starts may have been a factor. Passing the 375m KEMDALE shifted in abruptly when struck with the whip and had to be straightened.	
Race 6	MOSGIEL RSA MAIDEN 1500m
This race was delayed 2 minutes 40 seconds due to THE BODYGUARD who was fractious in its stall and getting its foot caught between the gates, being removed from its stall to undergo a veterinarian examination before being cleared to start. ANNABEL ROSE blundered at the start losing ground. SOUTHERN SAV was slow to begin. TULLIBARDINE also blundered at the start losing ground. BE MA shifted out at the start making contact with UBETCHA . Shortly after the start BEMINE shifted in momentarily inconveniencing VOODOO BEACH . UNRELENTING LADY raced greenly through the early stages. KINGS ROAD and THE BODYGUARD both raced keenly through the early stages. ANNABEL ROSE raced in restricted room through the early stages when attempting to take a narrow gap to the inside of UNRELENTING LADY . UBETCHA raced wide throughout. Passing the 1200m SOUTHERN SAV had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of THE BODYGUARD . Passing the 200m COS I CAN was buffeted and became unbalanced when BEMINE (P Shaikh) shifted in under pressure. Also contributing to this incident were KINGS ROAD and UNRELENTING LADY who were both laying in and shifting ground inwards. P Shaikh in the presence of his employer Mr M Pitman was shown replays of the incident and issued with a warning. Simultaneous to this incident ANNABEL ROSE (A Comignaghi) shifted in when awkwardly placed inside the heels of BEMINE buffeting SOUTHERN SAV who lost ground and considerable momentum as a result. A Comignaghi was advised to exercise care. TULLIBARDINE was inclined to lay in throughout the run home. Trainers B and S Anderton admitted a breach of Rule 614(2) in that they presented UBETCHA in the wrong saddle cloth number.	
Race 7	SPEIGHT'S ALEHOUSE RATING 65 1400 1400m
NORAH blundered badly at the start losing ground. LETS TALK GOLD raced wide through the early stages. NORAH was held up for several strides passing the 200m and had to change ground outwards. When spoken to regarding the performance of LETS TALK GOLD rider J Bullard advised the Stewards that he had been caught wide early then elected to go forward however the gelding was not suited by the combined effects of top weight and the sit and sprint nature of the event. Mr Bullard also added that the off track today may not have been to the gelding's liking.	