

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Waikouaiti Racing Club	Date:	1 st January 2013
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Dead 4		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and S Renault		
Typist:	M O'Brien		

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

All riders present wore black armbands for the entire day as a sign of respect to the family of Ashlee Mundy. Mrs Sheryl Mundy (Ashlee's mother) addressed all riders prior to Race 1.
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SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

TAPANUI RACING CLUB at Gore December 23. An Information which was lodged on the day alleging the breach of Rule 616(3) by trainers K and L Rae in that they presented ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA without notified gear, was withdrawn by the Stewards after it was established the horse had worn blinkers previously.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	NEWS FLASH, SOUTHERN SAV, BERENICE, MAKE IT HAPPEN, ASK ME, MIKABELLA, SHEISWHATSEIS, INFERNO, OUR GENES, CRUMB.		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	6	J Bullard – Rule 638(1)(d) – Careless riding
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race		
Late Scratchings:	Race	2	IT'S HAPPEN'EN – Ordered by the stewards
Medical Certificates:			Received – A Comignaghi – Cleared to ride
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	HARBOUR FISH R65 BENCHMARK 1975m
<p>GERVASIO and GOLD LEAF were both slow to begin. KEMDALE shifted out making contact with PUDDLE ALLEY just after the start. LIKEITLIKETHAT raced wide over the early stages. NEWS FLASH was held up in the early part of the run home. GERVASIO was inclined to hang in throughout the home straight and passing the 150 meters shifted in across heels. Apprentice Rider T Direen was shown replays of the race and reminded of her obligations in regard to her whip use between the 400 and 200 metres.</p>	
Race 2	PGG WRIGHTSON / SADDLE VIEWS FARM MAIDEN 1975m
<p>The start of this event was delayed six minutes after IT'S HAPPEN'EN crashed through the running rail during its preliminary dislodging rider T Direen who was uninjured in the incident. IT'S HAPPEN'EN which received only minor abrasions was scratched at 12.40pm by order of the Stewards. The running rail then required repairs.</p> <p>SOUTHERN SAV, BE MA and HIDDEN IDENTITY were slow to begin. HALO MAY raced wide throughout. BE MA made the bend passing the 1200m awkwardly and had to be steadied for some distance. Passing the 800m COUP SUGGESTION stepped in momentarily crowding PROXIMITY. SOUTHERN SAV shifted out abruptly passing the 100m and had to be straightened. COUP SUGGESTION raced greenly early in the run home.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner PERFECTLY COURT rider T Moseley advised the gelding had travelled well until placed under pressure inside the final 400m and failed to respond to his urgings. Mr Moseley also advised he could offer no tangible excuses for the disappointing performance.</p>	
Race 3	HOPE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS 2&3YO SW 1150m

MR FLEXIBLE began awkwardly. Making the bend passing the 800m SNOWDON shifted wider on the track when awkwardly placed on the heels of MR FLEXIBLE . SNOWDON was then obliged to race wide rounding the final bend. Passing the 250m MR FLEXIBLE had to steady momentarily when awkwardly placed on the heels of AUSSIE BOY .	
Race 4	RICHARD TEMPLETON CONTRACTING MAIDEN 1250m
NEGOCIANT was slow to begin. Shortly after the start MAKE IT HAPPEN shifted out abruptly dictating DRESSED 'N' READY , SWELTER and WINCHESTER outwards with WINCHESTER making firm contact with JACKSANFIVES who was buffeted and had to steady losing ground. NEGOCIANT raced keenly through the early stages. WINCHESTER raced wide throughout. ZOE BROOK raced keenly when being steadied to get cover racing passed the 1000m. The surcingle which had come loose on JACKSANFIVES fell off passing the 800m. WINCHESTER was inclined to lay in throughout the run home. In the shadows of the post DRESSED 'N' READY had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of MAKE IT HAPPEN which shifted out abruptly. Trainer M Pitman reported that PERFECTION had struck itself and he would be adding a hock boot to the gear of the filly prior to its next start.	
Race 5	COOKE HOWLISON HYUNDAI MAIDEN 1250m
PROPULSION began awkwardly shifting out and crowding DRUMGOLD and GEOFF'S BACK resulting in GEOFF'S BACK losing ground. MY FIANCEE shifted in at the start making contact with OWE THE RANSOM . DRUMGOLD raced wide throughout.	
Race 6	BLUESKIN NURSERIES/CARGILL CONTRACTING R65 BENCHMARK 1250m
POWDER CREEK was inconvenienced shortly after the start when MIKABELLA shifted out. Passing the 1150m DORIS BROOK had to steady when racing keenly as MIKABELLA (A Comignaghi) improved forward to lead. Apprentice A Comignaghi was advised to exercise care. WISEGUY raced in restricted room passing the 1000m when crowded for room by MT DIFFICULTY (J Bullard). J Bullard was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d). Shortly afterwards WISEGUY again had to steady when MT DIFFICULTY was taken in momentarily by TUG O' WAR (T Direen). T Direen was advised to exercise care. TUG O' WAR raced wide through the early stages. COUP EASE raced wide throughout. Passing the 800m WISEGUY who was racing keenly had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of MT DIFFICULTY . Apprentice rider K Kalychurun (DORIS BROOK) was shown films of the run home and reminded of his obligations to ride his mount out fully when in contention for 5 th place.	
Race 7	WAIKOUAITI AUTO & ENGINEERING/EAST OTAGO TRANSPORT R75 BENCHMARK 1975m
TIDAL WAVE began awkwardly. Passing the 250m JAYLAH who was laying in shifted in becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of CONFUSED for some distance.	
Race 8	DUNEDIN CASINO WAIKOUAITI CUP OPEN HCP 1975m
ALUMINIUM BIKERACK was held up in the early part of the home straight and passing the 200m had to shift out to find clear racing room. When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of ELEANOR COUP rider L Allpress could offer no tangible excuses. Stewards ordered a veterinary examination of ELEANOR COUP which revealed no abnormalities.	
Race 9	SPEIGHT'S NEW YEAR'S DAY SPRINT OPEN HCP 1250m
SO ELUSIVE raced keenly through the early stages. PEYOW PEYOW made contact with the running rail momentarily passing the 600m.	
Race 10	OTAGO DAILY TIMES R75 BENCHMARK 1250m
BACIO FRANCESE was examined by the Club's veterinarian after suffering a laceration to a hind leg at the South Canterbury Racing Club meeting on 28 December 2012 and was cleared to start. Trainer M Pitman advised that he had advised the rider of VENETIAN RAIDER to ride the mare back in an attempt to get cover if circumstances permitted. NATKINGCOLE began awkwardly. ORTEM FIRE raced in restricted room throughout the back straight. VENETIAN RAIDER and NATKINGCOLE both raced wide throughout. SAVONT was obliged to race wide rounding the final bend. When spoken to regarding the performance of ORTEM FIRE rider T Direen advised the Stewards that after getting back in the field the mare had not travelled well when asked to improve on the home turn had only battled fairly over the concluding stages. She further added that the drop back in the distance of the race today had not helped and added that the mare had felt scratchy over the concluding stages. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of ORTEM FIRE which revealed no abnormalities.	