

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Central Otago Racing Club at Omakau Racecourse	Date: Thursday 3 rd January 2013
Weather: Fine	
Track: Dead 6 then Slow 7 prior to race One	
Rail: True	
Stewards:, M Davidson, C Allison & S Renault	
Typist: M O'Brien	

GENERAL:

Discretion was shown to trainers in regards to rider declarations for today's meeting due to the small number of riders available and in particular the lack of senior riders available.

Due to a large amount of rain in the Omakau area in the last 24 hours a section of the track between the 350m and 250m was found to be extremely waterlogged. Water was pumped from this area before the races and an inspection was carried out by the Stewards and although would be wetter than the rest of the track this area was deemed satisfactory to begin racing. All riders were made aware of the state of this area of the track.

Following the running of Race 3 the Stewards held a meeting with the senior riders and a track inspection was conducted at the point where **STRUCTURE** blundered with riders, Stewards and Club officials. After the track inspection it was unanimously agreed to continue racing. However this will be monitored on a race by race basis. It was also agreed that a light Cambridge roll of the area would be of benefit to the track.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	RED BULL, NATUZZI, LORD YARBOROUGH, BIGGLESWORTH, SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO, IRISH BAY, USTIBECASUAL, MONACHEE, ELITE STREET.		
Suspensions:			
Protests:			
Fines:	Race	6	R Bishop – Rule 330(3)(c) – Failing to make contract weight – Fined \$100
Warnings:	Race	1	A Tempelman – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding
Bleeders:			
Horse Action	Race	1	CROYDON – racing manners warning
	Race	9	ELITE STREET – barrier manners warning
Medical Certificates:			
Veterinary Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	6	S Muniandy replaced R Bishop as the rider of HIGH JINKS
	Race	7	C Barnes replaced T Direen as the rider of THE BOYS
Late Scratchings:	Race	7	BLUE 'N' GOLD

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	DUNCAN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES / SPEIGHT'S / BREEN CONSTRUCTION MDN 2YO+ 1100m
<p>MR FLEXIBLE began awkwardly. THE GALLANT GIRL shifted out abruptly at the start buffeting PARTY BRAT who became unbalanced and lost ground. CROYDON who began awkwardly attempted to buck and raced erratically over the early stages losing considerable ground. The connections of CROYDON were advised the gelding was on a racing manners warning. JACKANFIVES raced wide throughout. CARBONISTA was held up early in the run home and then obtained a narrow run on the inside of THE GALANT GIRL (A Tempelman). Passing the 75m THE GALANT GIRL shifted in crowding CARBONISTA who had to steady momentarily. The connections of third placed CARBONISTA then lodged a protest against the second placed THE GALLANT GIRL. After hearing submissions and viewing replays of the incident the JCA dismissed the protest. A Tempelman was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d), careless riding. THE GALLANT GIRL lost a hind racing plate during the race.</p>	
Race 2	WS HICKEY & SON LTD / LEMPRIERE WOOL NZ LTD R85 BENCHMARK 1100m

MIND READER raced wide rounding the final bend. ALL SPICE was held up near the 200m. When spoken to regarding the performance of STRAITOTHEPOOLROOM rider T Direen could offer no tangible excuses for the disappointing performance of the gelding. PARTY CAT was observed to have blood in its mouth on return to the birdcage with a Veterinary examination revealing a small laceration to the mouth area.	
Race 3	ALEXANDRA NEW WORLD / HENRYS FULTON HOGAN ALEXANDRA MAIDEN 2000m
GIOCCHINO raced keenly through the early stages. Passing the winning post on the first occasion LIDIACO (C Johnson) shifted in abruptly crowding SEEKING REDEMPTION who was buffeted and lost momentum. Rider C Johnson was advised to exercise care. LOOSE GOOSE made the first bend awkwardly racing wider on the track. VOODOO BEACH raced fiercely through the early stages. GIOCCHINO who was continuing to race keenly was allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader. LORD YARBOROUGH raced wide through the middle stages when improving its position forward. Passing the 250m STRUCTURE blundered in a wetter part of the track losing momentum. Rider T Direen reported that OOR WULLIE hung in throughout the event.	
Race 4	DUNSTAN HOTEL / MCINTYRE & ASSOCIATES / RANFURLY HOTEL MAIDEN 1400m
VOODOO STAR was slow to begin. BIGGLESWORTH threw its head in the air when being steadied in the early stages. CONSIDERATE was inclined to lay out in the early stages. QUEST FOR LUCK shifted ground outwards over the concluding stages finishing wider on the track. When spoken to regarding the performance of CONSIDERATE which finished in last placing rider T Direen advised she believed the mare did not handle today's track conditions.	
Race 5	BECKERS TRANSPORT / MCLARENS TRANSPORT LTD MAIDEN 1400m
MEDIADOR raced keenly through the early stages. NIMBUS FLIGHT raced wide through the early stages. GALLANT SATIN had to steady passing the 950m when awkwardly placed on heels. DRUMREIMS raced wide through the middle stages. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite MEDIADOR rider J Bullard advised that the gelding was having its third race in quick succession today combined with the fact that in his opinion the gelding did not see out the 1400m led to the slightly disappointing performance when finishing fifth. When spoken to regarding the performance of VINDICATION which finished in last placing, rider R Black advised that she did not believe the gelding handled today's track conditions. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of VINDICATION which revealed no abnormalities.	
Race 6	PETER LYON SHEARING / OMAKAU AUTO CENTRE R75 BENCHMARK 1400m
Rider R Bishop was unable to make the contract weight for HIGH JINKS and was replaced by S Muniandy. R Bishop admitted a breach of Rule 330(3)(c) and was fined \$100. IRISH BAY and HIGH JINKS were the subject of pre-race veterinary inspections after they both made contact with the gate leaving the Birdcage. Both these runners were cleared to race. BRIGA was slow to begin. ISHIGOLD raced fiercely over the early stages skying its head on a number of occasions. Rider A Tempelman (SUCRE) was shown replays of the concluding stages of this event and reminded of her obligations to ride her mount out fully to the finish where circumstances permit.	
Race 7	BODKINS AWS LEGAL / PGG WRIGHTSON AON INSURANCE BROKERS R65 BENCHMARK 1400m
USTIBECASUAL who had suffered a minor injury to its eye was checked by the Club's veterinary surgeon before being cleared to start. BLUE 'N' GOLD was declared a late scratching at 4.33pm on veterinary advice suffering from abrasions after escaping rider less in the preliminary. Rider C Barnes was uninjured and cleared to ride for her remaining mounts. USTIBECASUAL was slow to begin. ZOLATOI raced fiercely through the early and middle stages. Passing the 400m BEEHIVE BOMBER blundered and broke down badly. Eventually the gelding was pulled up and humanely euthanised by the Club's veterinarian after fracturing a left front cannon bone. Following the running of this race T Direen was stood down from riding.	
Race 8	COPPER CAFÉ & BAR / WHITE ROBE LODGE CLARE MEMORIAL GOLD CUP OPN HCP 2000m
C Barnes replaced T Direen as the rider of THE BOYS . DECEPTIVE began awkwardly losing ground. IMA DUDE raced keenly when being steadied through the early stages. HONORA FLYNN began to over-race passing the 1200m shifting out and being allowed to stride forward to assume the lead. Passing the 250m MONACHEE was obliged to change ground inwards when looking for clear racing room.	
Race 9	GLASS EARTH/myers marketing co ltd R65 BENCHMARK 2000m
The start of this event was delayed 2 minutes and 32 seconds when ELITE STREET proved very difficult to load. The connections of ELITE STREET were advised the mare was on a barrier manners warning. PERSONAL JUSTICE stood flat footed when the start was made losing considerable ground (approximately 7 Lengths). SEASPRITE blundered at the start nearly losing its footing and then recovering and making contact with ELITE STREET . PRINCE FLIGHT jumped inwards at the start hampering I'M VITAL which lost ground. I'M VITAL commenced to race fiercely through the early stages proving difficult for its rider to control. SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA which was over racing skied its head in the early stages. KASBAH KEEPER raced wide during the early stages. IRISH WIT was held up early in the run home and had to change ground outwards to find clear racing room. Rider A Comignaghi was excused under Rule 647(1) from weighing in on her mount SEASPRITE who finished well back in the field after the attendant failed to collect the horse.	

When spoken to regarding the performance of **PRINCE FLIGHT** rider T Moseley advised the Stewards he believed the gelding was not overly comfortable in today's track conditions and also added that **PRINCE FLIGHT'S** two previous starts had been over further distance and the drop back today had not helped.