

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2013
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good 2		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), N McIntyre, J McLaughlin and M Zarb		
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.
Prior to Race 1 Stewards breath tested Jockey R Bishop resulting in a positive sample. Jockey Bishop was then stood down from riding for the day and admitted a breach of Rule 656(4) in that he presented himself to ride when an analysis of his breath alcohol level showed a reading of 512 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. After hearing submissions from all parties the JCA imposed a suspension from the end of racing on 4 February 2013 up to and including the 11 March 2013 (5 weeks). This suspension allows Mr Bishop to ride at Banks Peninsula on Monday 4 February 2013 provided he provides a clear breath sample prior to his rides.

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

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## SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	THE GOVERNATOR, MAKE IT HAPPEN, BREMUSA, MIGHTY RULER, PLATINUM KINGDOM, PARAKETO, CAPTAIN KIRK, MONACHEE, DARCI COUP, RIC O'SHEA, NATUZZI, ELITE STREET, SEMPER PLUS		
Suspensions:	Race		R Bishop – Rule 656(4) – Excess breath alcohol – suspended from the end of racing on 4 February 2013 up to and including the 11 March 2013 (5 weeks)
	Race	4	R Black – Rule 638(1)(d) – Careless riding - suspended from the conclusion of racing on 7 <sup>th</sup> February up to the conclusion of racing on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2013 (4 days).
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	7	C Johnson – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground
		5	D Bradley – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race		
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	3	R Hannam replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>ST BERNARD</b>
		4	R Hannam replaced B Lammas as the rider of <b>LEZANI</b>
		6	L Allpress replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b>
		7	J Bullard replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>DICKENS</b>
		9	D Bradley replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>ELITE STREET</b>
		10	T Moseley replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>THE GORDIONIAN</b>
Late Scratching:	Race		

## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	NELLIES SPORTS BAR PREMIER 1400m
DRESSED 'N' READY dislodged its rider during the preliminary and jumped a fence. DRESSED 'N' READY was quickly recaptured and following an examination by the Club's veterinary surgeon was cleared to start.	
DRESSED 'N' READY knuckled badly at the start and lost considerable ground. QUEST FOR LUCK and BIGGLESWORTH were both slow to begin. MEDIADOR and THE BODYGUARD raced keenly in the middle stages. THE BODYGUARD raced wide throughout without cover. Approaching the 1100m QUEST FOR LUCK raced in restricted room to the inside of WILLOW	

<b>PARK. TOM DOOLEY</b> and <b>MEDIADOR</b> raced wide rounding the home turn. In the early part of the straight <b>RI'GAH BROOK</b> had difficulty obtaining clear running. Passing the 200m <b>BIGGLESWORTH</b> was obliged to shift outwards to obtain clear running.	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>COLIN WALTERS METRO REALTY RATING 65 1200m</b>
<b>O'FABERGE</b> was slow to begin. Shortly after the start <b>EMILY TRIMBOLE</b> was crowded for room and lost ground. <b>WISEGUY</b> and <b>MIND READER</b> were crowded for room between <b>MR KIRK</b> and <b>QUION</b> which shifted outwards and as a result <b>MIND READER</b> had to be steadied and lost ground. <b>POSTILLION</b> raced wide in the early stages and <b>BACIO FRANCESE</b> raced wide throughout. <b>MAKE IT HAPPEN</b> dipped on two occasions near the 600m. <b>QUION</b> raced wide round the home turn. In the early part of the straight <b>MR KIRK</b> had difficulty obtaining clear running and when shifting outwards to improve carried <b>ASK ME</b> out onto <b>BACIO FRANCESE</b> . <b>WISEGUY</b> had difficulty obtaining a clear run in the early part of the straight and approaching the 200m when shifting out to improve bumped with <b>POSTILLION</b> . Passing the 200m <b>QUION</b> which was weakening steadied momentarily away from the heels of <b>MIND READER</b> which shifted out to improve.	
<b>Race 3</b>	<b>MORE FM RATING 65 1600m</b>
R Hannam replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>ST BERNARD</b> . The start of this event was delayed 2 minutes by official TAB request. <b>POWDER CREEK</b> was slow to begin. <b>NORAH</b> began awkwardly. <b>AIN'T NO LOLLYGAGGA</b> raced very keenly through the early stages. <b>NORAH, YAZOOM</b> and <b>GERVASIO</b> also raced keenly through the early stages. <b>GERVASIO</b> raced wide throughout. Passing the 375m <b>BLUE 'N' GOLD</b> was placed in restructured room and had to steady momentarily by <b>NORAH</b> who shifted in on the point of the turn. Rider S Muniandy was advised to exercise care. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite <b>LUCILLE</b> rider R Myers advised that the filly had got back from her wide draw but had finished the race strongly and although only finishing seventh was less than four lengths from the winner. When questioned regarding the riding tactics on <b>BERMUSA</b> trainer T Prendergast advised that it was their intention to ride forward in its previous starts however the mare had not begun well. From the wide draw today he instructed the rider to go forward and after beginning well was able to obtain the position in the lead.	
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>RANFURLY HOTEL RATING 65 2070m</b>
R Hannam replaced B Lammas as the rider of <b>LEZANI</b> due to a communication error. <b>LEZANI</b> was slow to begin. <b>OLD GOLD</b> was obliged to race wide without cover throughout. <b>LEZANI</b> was held up for some distance passing the 400m. Passing the 450m <b>ASHLEY</b> (R Black) attempted to force <b>ROBBIE ROOSTER</b> outwards to obtain clear running. The buffeting continued on into the straight and when passing the 300m <b>ASHLEY</b> when still attempting to force a run clipped the heel of the tiring <b>UBETCHA</b> and blundered losing considerable momentum with the trailing <b>LIKEITLIKETHAT</b> having to steady and change ground. Rider R Black admitted a charge of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d). After hearing submissions from all parties the JCA imposed a suspension from the conclusion of racing on 7 <sup>th</sup> February up to the conclusion of racing on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2013 (4 days). <b>SOUTHERN SAV</b> was held up over the concluding stages when racing in restricted room. <b>YEAHMAN</b> had difficulty obtaining clear racing room in the run home. When spoken to regarding the improved performance of <b>MIGHTY RULER</b> trainer T Charles advised the Stewards that the gelding had been recovering from a virus that had gone through the stable and had been working well. However they were not overly confident of a forward showing despite the drop in class today but added the gelding was aided by a heady ride by D Walsh which lead to a performance above expectations.	
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>METALON 3YO GUINEAS 1400m</b>
<b>D'CASH MAN</b> blundered at the start and shifted in severely hampering <b>BERENICE</b> with both runners losing ground. <b>KOSTALOT</b> was also hampered in this incident becoming unbalance momentarily. <b>SIR SINGO</b> raced keenly through the early stages. Passing the 700m <b>PLATINUM KINGDOM</b> (D Bradley) who was laying in shifted in placing <b>PRINCE RANSOM</b> in restricted room which clipped a heel and blundered momentarily losing momentum. D Bradley was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding. <b>D'CASH MAN</b> raced wide throughout. <b>PLATINUM KINGDOM</b> continued to lay in throughout the run home with the rider swapping the whip to the left hand.	
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>FIRE AND MECHANICAL OPEN SPRINT HANDICAP 1200m</b>
L Allpress replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b> . <b>SO ELUSIVE</b> jumped awkwardly and lost ground. <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b> jumped awkwardly. Approaching the 1100m <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b> and <b>CRUMB</b> bumped. <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b> raced without cover for most of the race. When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance by <b>TOO MUCH TORQUE</b> rider L Allpress advised that after beginning awkwardly and receiving a bump she got further back than anticipated and could not make up the ground on the very fast pace of today's race.	
<b>Race 7</b>	<b>COUPLANDS BAKERIES DUNEDIN GOLD CUP0 2400m</b>
J Bullard replaced R Bishop as the rider of <b>DICKENS</b> . The start of this event was delayed 2 minutes 20 seconds due to <b>CRYSTAL DUKE</b> proving very difficult to load. <b>LISA LOVE</b> raced wide from the 1200m. <b>DARCI COUP</b> was held up for several strides passing the 500m. Passing the 400m <b>DARCI COUP</b> (C W Johnson) shifted out when attempting to gain clear racing room crowding <b>DICKENS</b> who had to steady momentarily. C W Johnson was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding. Trainer M Harris reported to the Stewards	

that **SOLDIER OF LOVE** had pulled up slightly distressed adding that he believes it may have been a reaction to the addition of a tongue tie. Trainer M Harris was advised to keep the Stewards informed of the recovery of the mare in the coming days.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>WHITE ROBE LODGE HANDICAP 1600m</b>
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**OUR BEE JAY** was slow to begin. **KING MONTROSE** and **CAPTAIN TODD** raced keenly in the early stages. **SUCRE** raced wide throughout. Passing the 800m **DOZINTMATERANYWAY** and **NATUZZI** which were both racing keenly and had to be steadied off heels. **DOZINTMATERANYWAY** who was continuing to race keenly skied its head when being steadied off heels when passing the 450m. **NATUZZI** who was also continuing to race keenly was held up for some distance and had to be steadied passing the 400m. Passing the 350m the tiring **SUCRE** had to be steadied momentarily off the heels of **MISS MILLBROOK** who was improving forward. **DOZINTMATERANYWAY** was held up in the run home and again had to steady passing the 200m when awkwardly placed on heels. **WINDWHISTLE** raced in restricted room in the early part of the run home and passing the 100m had to shift out off the heels of the tiring **PENNY LANE** to find clear racing room. When spoken to regarding the performance of **KING MONTROSE** rider J Bullard was of the opinion the gelding had not backed up from recent racing including a trip to the North Island. Trainer N Ridley advised the Stewards that it was now his intention to send **KING MONTROSE** for a spell. Trainer G Robinson reported that **INFALLIBLE** lost a racing plate during the running of this event. **CAPTAIN TODD** was attended to post-race by the Club's veterinarian and found to be suffering from dehydration and was treated accordingly.

<b>Race 9</b>	<b>DUNEDIN CASINO TROPHY RATING 75 2200m</b>
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D Bradley replaced R Bishop as the rider of **ELITE STREET**.

**IMTHEJOKER** dislodged its rider during the preliminary but was recaptured very quickly. **IMTHEJOKER** was checked by the Club's veterinarian and cleared to race. Rider R Hannam was checked by the paramedics and cleared to ride.

**NEWS FLASH** began awkwardly. **CONFUSED** was slow to begin. **NEWS FLASH** and **IMA DUDE** both raced keenly in the early stages. Passing the 1800m **NEWS FLASH** who was still racing keenly had to be steadied off the heels of **THE BOYS**. **ELITE STREET** raced wide from the 1200m. Passing the 1050m **HONORA FLYNN** shifted out when awkwardly placed on the heels of **IMA DUDE** making contact with **CONFUSED** who was forced to race wider on the track for a short distance. **SHOCKEMOHE** was held up for several strides by the tiring **IMTHE JOKER** passing the 400m. **OUR MONA LISA** had to steady when in tight quarters passing the 550m. **OUR MONA LISA** lay in throughout the run home. When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **OUR ALCHEMIST** rider D Walsh reported that he believed the mare had been feeling the effects of the firm track and recent racing.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **OUR MONA LISA** jockey L Allpress explained that her mount hung inwards in the run home proving difficult to ride however was of the opinion that the mare did not appreciate the firm nature of the track.

<b>Race 10</b>	<b>DUNEDIN HOLIDAY PARK/RAY WEBSTER PLUMBING R75 1400m</b>
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T Moseley replaced R Bishop as the rider of **THE GORDIONIAN**.

**OXBOROUGH MAGIC** was slow to begin. **LIGHT'S UP** began awkwardly losing ground. **IRISH BAY** shifted out abruptly at the start hampering **RIDLEY** who lost ground as a result. **ORTEM FIRE** and **KIRKDOUGLAS** made contact on jumping away. **CHAPEL STAR** raced keenly through the early and middle stages. **KIRKDOUGLAS** raced keenly through the early stages. Passing the 1150m **KIRKDOUGLAS** who was continuing to race keenly contacted the heel of **PINOT EXPRESS** and blundered momentarily. **THE GORDIONIAN** raced wide throughout. **RIDLEY** was obliged to race wide from the 600m when improving. **ORTEM FIRE** was held up momentarily passing the 450m. Passing the 350m **THE GORDONIAN** who way laying in shifted in making contact with **COUP EASE**. **CHAPEL STAR** was briefly held up passing the 200m and had to change ground to obtain clear racing room. When spoken to about the improved performance of **SEMPER PLUS** trainer J Parsons advised the Stewards that the combination of a drop back in class and a stronger rider had led to today's better showing.

Passing the 150m **COUP EASE** faltered breaking down badly and was attended to by the Club's veterinarian and humanely euthanised after rupturing a suspensory and dislocation of fetlock joint of near fore leg.