

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Southland Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 16 th February 2013
Weather:	Overcast/Showery		
Track:	Dead 4		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), M Zarb and S Renault		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

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.

Trainer S Bellew reported to the Stewards that **SUCRE** a starter in Race 9 today was heavily in season.

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

Trainer M Pitman reported that **SHEISWHATSHEIS** bled during track work earlier in the week and was therefore stood down from racing for the mandatory 3 months.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	EL DOUTE, PRINCE RANSOM, GHOSTINTHEMACHINE, CHAPEL STAR, INFALLIBLE, PLATINUM KINGDOM, ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA, ROBBIE ROOSTER, ELITE STREET, PETTY LANE, NORAH.		
Suspensions:	Nil		
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Nil		
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratching:	Race	10:	TOMMY TUCKER – veterinary advice – 5.32pm.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	KYM HOWLEY @ FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE 2YR OLD (1100M)
ALL THINGS NICE was slow to begin. EL DOUTE raced greenly throughout the running. ALL THINGS NICE raced greenly rounding the bend by the 800 metres shifting wider on the track.	
Race 2	SPEIGHT'S SPECIAL CONDITIONS MAIDEN (1600M)
DOUBLE TAP raced keenly and wide over the early stages. Passing the 700 metres LORD YARBOROUGH which was racing keenly had to be steadied off heels and in doing so hampered the trailing SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO which had improved in to a marginal run to its inside. Also inconvenienced in this incident were GERVASIO and VARVARA which were shifted wider on the track. PRINCE RANSOM shifted in under pressure at the 200 metres and had to be straightened. When questioned regarding the performance of SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO rider D Skerrett advised the Stewards that after being badly hampered at the 700 metres the mare had never recovered and had been flat for the remainder of the race. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO which revealed no abnormalities.	
Race 3	THE VINYL BAR HANDICAP (1200M)
NO MEAN FEAT was slow to begin. MR KIRK raced keenly through the early stages throwing its head in the air on several occasions. Passing the 900 metres O'FABERGE and MIND READER bumped. GHOSTINTHEMACHINE raced wide throughout. Passing the 800 metres STAR ROYALE had to be steadied off heels when racing keenly. GANNICUS raced wide from the 800 metres. O'FABERGE was held up rounding the final bend. WISEGUY raced in restricted room rounding the final bend only gaining clear racing room inside the final 150 metres. Passing the 200 metres NO MEAN FEAT had to steady and change ground outwards to find clear racing room. Passing the 150 metres MIND READER had to steady when denied a marginal	

run to the inside of TUNZA VITALITY (P Taylor) which shifted in marginally. P Taylor was advised to exercise care when shifting ground. Passing the 40 metres TUNZA VITALITY which had become awkwardly placed on the heels of O'FABERGE shifted out inconveniencing STAR ROYALE .	
Race 4	FASHION IN THE FIELD HANDICAP (1200M)
LUCKY BREAK shifted out on jumping away making contact with THE GOVERNATOR which lost ground. STRIKE UP THE BAND raced wide throughout. Passing the 950 metres MIKABELLA had to steady momentarily when ANITA PEA (A Frye) crossed to the lead. Apprentice A Frye was advised to exercise care when shifting ground. STAND UP raced in restricted room for the majority of the run home and went to the line not fully tested by its rider. When questioned regarding the performance of THE GOVERNATOR rider A Denby advised the Stewards the gelding had made a respiratory noise during the early stages and had been unable to maintain contact with the field despite her urgings but had picked up the bit passing the 600 metres and had finished the race off well. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of THE GOVERNATOR which revealed no abnormalities other than a slight cough. Trainer M Pitman was advised to keep the Stewards informed of the mares progress over the coming days.	
Race 5	COUPLAND'S BAKERIES SOUTHLAND STAKES (1200M)
SO ELUSIVE was slow to begin after bounding at the start. SANDFLY also bounded as the start was made. OUR GENES raced wide throughout. SO ELUSIVE had to change ground outwards passing the 100 metres to find clear racing room. When questioned regarding the performance of THE JESTER rider T Moseley advised the Stewards he believed the gelding did not handle the step up in class of today's race. When questioned regarding the performance of favourite SO ELUSIVE rider C Johnson advised the Stewards that after losing ground at the start he had no opportunity to improve his mount until entering the straight but had battled on fairly over the concluding stages.	
Race 6	ILT ASCOT PARK HOTEL SOUTHLAND GUINEAS (1600M)
REEVES HALL and MATOAKA were both slow to begin with BIGGLESWORTH slow over the early stages. BERENICE had to be steadied passing the 1500 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of PARAKETO . PARAKETO raced erratically through the early stages throwing its head in the air on several occasions. UNRELENTING LADY was obliged to race wide throughout. RI'GAH BROOK raced in restricted room for a brief distance rounding the final bend. BIGGLESWORTH was held up rounding the final bend and made firm contact with UNRELENTING LADY passing the 200 metres when looking for clear racing room. D Walsh the rider of SIR SINGO reported his mount had hung out throughout the running most noticeably on the bends. Stewards requested a post- race veterinary examination of PARAKETO which gave ground from the 500 metres eventually finishing in a distant last placing with rider K Williams advising PARAKETO had breathing difficulties during the running. The subsequent examination revealed no obvious abnormalities with trainer J Parsons advising he would have the gelding undergo further tests in the coming days and keep Stewards informed of any findings which may have led to the disappointing performance today.	
Race 7	COMCAT PLANT ENHANCER HANDICAP (2100M)
GALLIVANT shifted in as the start was made making contact with BRIGA . CONFUSED was slow to begin. Passing the 1800 metres IMA DUDE shifted out when making the first bend awkwardly resulting in POROTENE SKY having to steady momentarily. GALLIVANT raced wide throughout. Passing the 700 metres SCHOCKEMOHL shifted out to find clear racing room dictating GALLIVANT wider on the track. Passing the 400 metres CONFUSED lost momentum when having to check off the heels of the tiring POROTENE SKY . Passing the 200 metres SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of SPLIT DECISION which had shifted out and away from THE BOYS .	
Race 8	THE SOUTHLAND TIMES INVERCARGILL GOLD CUP (2600M)
HONORA FLYNN bounded as the start was made losing ground. HONORA FLYNN raced wide through the early stages before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader. When spoken to regarding the performance of ELEANOR COUP rider C Johnson advised the Stewards that when placed under pressure the mare had failed to respond and had disappointed. When spoken to regarding the performance of HONORA FLYNN which gave ground from the 600 metres rider T Direen advised that after being trapped wide early she had elected to go forward however had been under pressure at the 800 metres and had failed to respond. Miss Direen further added the step up in class and the extra distance of the race today may also have been factors leading to the mares disappointing performance.	
Race 9	CASTLEDALE @ TE RUNGA SUMMER CUP (1600M)
REDFERN threw its head in the air when being steadied through the early stages. PINOT EXPRESS raced wide throughout. Passing the 300 metres PETER PARROT had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of the tiring SEMPER PLUS . Passing the 75 metres BREMUSA and SCHMECKENBECHER made contact. When spoken to regarding the performance of the favourite KIRKIE rider J Bullard advised the Stewards the gelding had changed legs several times during the running and had not travelled well at any point in the race and had disappointed. He further added that he believed the gelding would benefit from a break from racing. When spoken to regarding the performance of REDFERN rider D Walsh was of the opinion the gelding had not handled the step up in distance from 1200 metres to 1600 metres and was better suited to sprint distances.	
Race 10	RAVELSTON STUD HANDICAP (1600M)
TOMMY TUCKER which got loose during the preliminary and jumped a rail in the stabling area underwent a pre-race	

veterinary examination and was subsequently declared a late scratching at 5.33pm on veterinary advice.

AIN'T NO LOLLYGAGGA was slow to begin and very slow over the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres **SPOILT PRINCESS** had to be steadied outwards for some distance when awkwardly placed on heels resulting in the trailing **KASBAH KEEPER** being forced to race wider on the track for a short distance. **MY D'OR US** which was hanging gave ground from the 500 metres after the bit slipped through the mouth of the mare. Trainer V Christophers advised the Stewards that **MY D'OR US** will now be sent for a short spell prior to racing next. **EKSTRA SPECIAL** was held up for several strides passing the 300 metres. **NORAH** and **KASBAH KEEPER** made contact passing the 300 metres when **NORAH** was looking for clear racing room. **EKSTRA SPECIAL** and **SEASPRITE** made contact on several occasions in the final straight. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **AIN'T NO LOLLYGAGGA** rider D Bradley advised the Stewards that after being slow over the early stages he had improved along the rail but when placed under full pressure the mare had failed to respond and had disappointed.