

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Canterbury Jockey Club – Hororata	Date:	Saturday, 23 March 2013
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 4		
Rail:	Out 7 metres		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), N McIntyre, J McLaughlin, N Ydgren		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

Nil

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	PARAKETO, RAJAH BROOK, DOMETT, ISHIMINE, SORLEY BOY, CAPTAIN TODD, TOO MUCH TORQUE, THE SOLITAIRE, PLATINUM PRINCESS, SOUTHERN SAV		
Suspensions:	Race	8	Apprentice B Pitman [Rule 638(1)(d)] Licence to ride in races suspended 2 days effective 1 to 6 April 2013 inclusive
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race	5	B Pitman ride in a manner that does not leave her open to query
		9	L Allpress Rule 638(1)(d)
Bleeders:	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	8	TROPICAL PUNCH barrier test required to Stewards Satisfaction
		9	UNRELENTING LADY vet clearance required
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race		Nil
Late Scratchings:	Race	8	TROPICAL PUNCH at 4.38 pm on veterinary advice
		9	UNRELENTING LADY at 5.13 pm on veterinary advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CANTERBURY EQUINE CLINIC BENCHMARK 75 (2000m)
<p>The start of this race was delayed due to PLEASE RELEASE ME requiring an adjustment to its bridle.</p> <p>MIGHTY RULER raced wide in the initial stages.</p> <p>PARAKETO got its head up passing the 1800 metres and continued to race ungenerously whilst being restrained.</p> <p>PLEASE RELEASE ME raced wide rounding the home turn.</p> <p>Rider J Bullard reported that ISHIPAL hung out for the majority of the race and proved disappointing when placed under pressure. Stable representative M Frith advised it is their intention to drop the gelding back in distance and apply blinkers.</p> <p>Rider C Johnson explained that PRINCE RANSOM raced keenly in the early stages and in his opinion failed to run out the distance of the race. Trainer M Pitman concurred with C Johnson's comments and advised that the gelding will be sent for a brief spell.</p>	
Race 2	THE BULLERITES & PIRATES ISLAND MINI GOLF MAIDEN (1200m)
<p>The start of this race was delayed due to KEEP THE QUEST having to be re-saddled.</p> <p>TROOPER jumped awkwardly and lost ground.</p>	

MEDIADOR jumped awkwardly, shifted out and bumped **HARDEN UP SON**.
ROCKAHOY jumped awkwardly and shifted out abruptly losing ground. **ROCKAHOY** then raced wide for the majority of the race.
PERFECTION which raced keenly in the middle stages had to be steadied near the 700 metres away from the heels of **HARDEN UP SON** which shifted out slightly. **PERFECTION** then and raced wide for the remainder of the race.
NICMAJAC had difficulty obtaining a clear run from shortly after straightening until near the 250 metres.
R Bishop, rider of **PROVEN FACT**, reported he had concerns with the gelding's action on pulling up. A veterinary inspection revealed the gelding to have fractured its right hind fetlock and was subsequently euthanized.
D Bradley, rider of **SYKES**, reported that the gelding was under pressure throughout and in his opinion would be better suited over more ground.

Race 3	PETERSENS JEWELLERS LADIES BRACELET (1000m)
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LICKWISH and **SPURS ARE ON** were slow to begin.
ROYALE CRYSTAL raced keenly in the early stages.
Passing the 300 metres **HARPER ROSE** raced in restricted room on the outside of **NAPATAP** which shifted outwards momentarily.
When questioned regarding the performance of **ROYALE CRYSTAL**, rider R Hannam stated that the gelding travelled keenly in the early and middle stages however weakened when placed under pressure. He added it was the gelding's first start in nearly five months and in his opinion should benefit from the run.
A post race veterinary inspection of **ROYALE CRYSTAL** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 4	CRT McMILLAN EQUINE FEEDS & YALDHURST HOTEL BENCHMARK 75 (1400m)
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CONFEDERATE slipped behind on jumping and was then crowded shortly after losing more ground. Consequently **CONFEDERATE** raced further back than anticipated and raced keenly with its head up for some distance.
PLATINUM DANCER got its head up on several occasions when racing keenly in the early stages.
SHE'S ASSERTIVE was obliged to race wide throughout.
BALAQ and **CONFEDERATE** raced wide rounding the home turn.
ISHIMINE and **IRISH BAY** bumped on a number of occasions shortly after straightening.
When questioned regarding the poor performance of **STANICA STAR**, rider R Myers explained that in her opinion the gelding seemed to resent racing in tight quarters towards the tail of the field.
Apprentice R Doherty, rider of **GHOSTINTHEMACHINE**, explained that although the gelding appeared to perform below expectations after its last start win, he was of the opinion the gelding was not comfortable racing in amongst runners and the rise in weight and class all attributed to the gelding's performance.

Race 5	YALDHURST WOOLS & NZWTA LTD BENCHMARK 65 (1400m)
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WISEGUY was a little slow to begin.
WILLOW PARK jumped awkwardly, shifted inwards and hampered **FINE SILVER** which in turn crowded **SORLEY BOY** which lost ground.
FINE LINE had difficulty obtaining clear running just prior to straightening.
YAZOOM raced wide rounding the home turn and in the straight.
Approaching the 350 metres **HIT THE BIT** had to be checked when disappointed for a run behind **FINE LINE**.
LA MUSIQUE which led for the majority of the race weakened noticeably passing the 300 metres.
Stewards questioned apprentice B Pitman in the presence of her employer Mr M Pitman regarding her tactics between the 600 metres and 400 metres when riding **WISEGUY**. B Pitman explained that the gelding had been racing on tight turning tracks and she was instructed not go wide rounding the turn and to save as much ground as possible to ensure the gelding finished the race off. Mr Pitman confirmed these were the instructions given. B Pitman said that near the 600 metres she shifted out four deep to follow **WAITING**, however when **WAITING** shifted out further passing the 450 metres she elected not to follow. She conceded that thereafter she had difficulty obtaining complete clear running and went to the line without being fully tested. Mr Pitman agreed that in hindsight it would have been a better option to shift out near the 450 metres when the opportunity presented itself, however considering his instructions he understood B Pitman's decision.
After considering all the evidence Stewards issued B Pitman with a warning and advised her that in future she must ride in a manner that does not leave her open to query.
A post race veterinary inspection of **WISEGUY** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 6	SEATON FAMILY MEMORIAL HORORATA GOLD CUP (1800m)
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FLYING PETAL blundered on jumping and lost considerable ground.
HEAVEN SENT raced wide until near the 1200 metres.
Rounding the home turn **ALPINE HEIGHTS** (B Lammas) shifted out to improve and in doing so bumped **HEAVEN SENT** on several occasions. Rider B Lammas was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances.

Race 7	SELWYN RAKAIA VET SERVICES OPEN SPRINT (1200m)
<p>The start of this race was considerably delayed when rider J Bullard had to return to the birdcage area to re-saddle after breaking a girth strap.</p> <p>TICK TOCK TURBO, COUP DARCI BE and FULLAVINO were crowded on jumping between CORA LYNN and NEVER DIE which jumped awkwardly and shifted in.</p> <p>VERONICA HALL dipped passing the 350 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of ORUTAN, rider K Williams explained she raced wide for the majority of the race however coming into the straight she was not able to sprint as expected. Her explanation was noted.</p> <p>A post race veterinary examination of FULLAVINO which returned to the birdcage with blood present in its nostrils revealed signs of head trauma and as such was not declared a bleeder.</p>	
Race 8	VALACHI DOWNS SOUTH ISLAND THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS STAKES (1600m)
<p>After being placed in the barriers TROPICAL PUNCH (L Allpress) became fractious. The mare was subsequently declared a late scratching at 4.38 pm on veterinary advice. Trainer D Champion was advised that the mare must pass a barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. Rider L Allpress underwent a post race medical examination and was cleared fit to ride.</p> <p>LONDON DREAM was restrained shortly after the start to obtain a position closer to the rails.</p> <p>BREMUSA raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p>Passing the 300 metres HOWBADDOUNEEDIT was momentarily crowded between THE SOLITAIRE and BREMUSA, both of which shifted ground.</p> <p>MISS MAXIMUSS was unable to obtain clear running from the 400 metres until near the 250 metres.</p> <p>Apprentice rider B Pitman in the presence of her employer Mr M Pitman defended a charge under the provisions of Rule 638(1)(d) in that approaching the 250 metres she directed her mount MISS MAXIMUSS outwards when not clear of BREMUSA which was checked. After hearing all evidence and submissions the JCA upheld the charge and suspended B Pitman's licence to ride in races for 2 days effective 1 to 6 April 2013 inclusive.</p>	
Race 9	PAT REARDON FAMILY BENCHMARK 65 (1800m)
<p>After arriving at the barriers UNRELENTING LADY was found to be lame in the right front leg and was declared a late scratching at 5.13 pm on veterinary advice. Trainer P Rudkin advised the filly had shown signs of concern earlier in the week however after being x-rayed and passing a post gallop vet check on Thursday it was his opinion she would be fit to race. Mr Rudkin was advised that in similar circumstances he is required to advise the Stewards of anything that may affect a horse's performance. He was further advised UNRELENTING LADY will require a veterinary clearance before racing again.</p> <p>RIVERENZA and BALLYRINA were slow to begin.</p> <p>MISTER SPIDERMAN raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p>LAGERFELD raced keenly in the middle stages and got its head up when being restrained to avoid the heels of SOVEREIGN ROSE.</p> <p>LAGERFELD, ADIDAZLER and OUR BELLA ROSE raced wide rounding the home turn.</p> <p>SOUTHERN SAV was unable to obtain clear running in the early part of the straight.</p> <p>GLOBAL PARTNER was momentarily held up in the early part of the straight and then briefly raced in restricted room passing the 300 metres.</p> <p>Passing the 250 metres RIVERENZA which was weakening had to be steadied to avoid the heels of SOUTHERN SAV (L Allpress) which shifted inwards to improve. Rider L Allpress was issued with a warning.</p> <p>SOVEREIGN ROSE had difficulty obtaining complete clear running from rounding the home turn until passing the 100 metres.</p> <p>SOUTHERN SAV was reported to have lost its left rear plate during the running.</p>	