# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: Otago Racing Club Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Weather: Overcast
Track: Dead 4
Rail: True

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and C Allison

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.

Rider D Bothamley contacted the stewards on Sunday and advised he was unable to attend this meeting due to exceptional circumstances and was replaced on his one ride.

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

#### **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing: KINGS ROAD, REMIND ME, HALOBETHYNAME, MISS THREE STARS, SNIP IN TIME, BLUE 'N' GOLD,

WHARE CREEK, LA GIRL.

Suspensions: Race

Protests: Race

Fines: Race

Warnings: Race 7 S Wynne – Rule 638 (1)(d)- Careless riding 500 metres

Bleeders: Race

Horse Actions: Race 1 HONOR AND CHERISH – vet clearance required

4 **PEGGY SUE** – vet clearance required

**Medical Certificates:** 

Rider Changes: Race

**Late Scratching:** Race 4 HERMIONE – vet's advice at 1.15pm

## **RACE COMMENTS:**

## Race 1 FIREWATCH OTAGO MDN 2200 2200m

**TUTOR** shifted out abruptly on jumping making firm contact with **PRINCE EDEN** which shifted into the line of **QUITE RIGHT** which got back as a result of the incident.

**KINGS ROAD** tended to sky its head when being restrained in the early stages.

NANCHO LASS raced wide in the early stages before improving to assume the lead passing the 1600 metres.

The well supported **HONOR AND CHERISH** who had raced in the trail was under pressure at the 400 metres and gave ground from this point eventually finishing in last placing. Rider M Cropp advised the Stewards he believed the mare to have faltered in its action over the concluding stages with the Stewards ordering a post-race veterinary inspection of **HONOR AND CHERISH**. The subsequent inspection revealed no significant race day findings but the connections were advised that a full veterinary clearance would be required before racing again.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **TUTOR** rider T Direen advised the Stewards she had been handy throughout but the mare had been under pressure at the 200 metres and had only battled over the concluding stages.

#### Race 2 AAKLAND R75 1200 1200m

**HERMIONE** was a late scratching from this event on vet's advice at 1.15 pm after being fractious in its stall and getting its foot lodged over the back gates of the barrier.

**IRONWORKER** began awkwardly losing ground. Shortly after the start **IRONWORKER** began to race keenly throwing its head in the air for some distance then shifting out and improving forward and was then obliged to race wide for the remainder of the event.

**SWAMI** was inclined to lay inwards passing the 300 metres and proved difficult to get off the heels of **IRONWORKER**.

IRONWORKER lay in through the run home with the rider swapping whip hands at the 150 metres.

**REMIND ME** had some difficulty in obtaining clear racing room in the early part of the run home.

## Race 3 MARK ISAACS FARRIER MDN 1200 1200m

**ENUFFZED** began awkwardly and was then slow over the early stages.

**AVECHII** made the bend awkwardly when racing fiercely near the 800 metres with **RED DAGGER** being forced wider on the track. **AVECHII** continued to race ungenerously before settling near the 600 metres.

**RED DAGGER** was obliged to race wide from the 800 metres.

The saddle on **ENUFFZED** slipped backwards at the 600 metres placing the rider in some difficulty.

Passing the 600m **HAND OF GOD** shifted out when looking for clear racing room making firm contact with **EMMA SAVANNA**.

**HAND OF GOD** was held up for the majority of the run home and went to the line untested by its rider.

**HALOBETHYNAME** shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

**ELEVEN BLACK** was inclined to lay in throughout the run home.

## Race 4 DUNEDIN FIRE PLACE MDN 1200 1200m

PEGGY SUE began awkwardly and was further hampered and lost ground when DOCTOR THUNDER shifted in.

**GOLD NUGGET** was slow to begin.

**ELDANTE** raced wide throughout.

**GOLD NUGGET** raced greenly throughout the running.

**LEEBOY** raced fiercely passing the 1000 meters having to be steadied off heels.

Passing the 700 metres **LEEBOY** was crowded and had to steady momentarily when **SEVEN ON BROADWAY** was taken in by **ELDANTE** (T Direen). Miss Direen was advised to exercise care.

MISS THREE STARS was held up rounding the final bend and had to shift ground outwards at the 300 metres to find clear racing room.

**LEEBOY** was held up in the initial part of the run home and then raced in restricted room over the concluding stages. **ELDANTE** shifted out abruptly at the 250 metres and had to be straightened.

**DOM BENEDICTINE** had some trouble obtaining clear racing room early in the run home. When spoken to regarding the performance of **DOM BENEDICTINE** rider J Bullard advised that **DOM BENEDICTINE** had held its breath and had been disappointing. Trainer P Richards advised the Stewards it was now intention to send the gelding for a spell and will consider making gear adjustments prior to racing again.

After pulling up with an apparent leg injury **PEGGY SUE** was dismounted and led back to the Birdcage by the Clerk of the Course to be attended to by the Club's veterinarian. Rider C Barnes was excused from weighing under Rule 647. An inspection revealed **PEGGY SUE** was lame in the off fore with the connections advised the mare will require a veterinary clearance prior to racing next. Trainer J Blackadder advised the Stewards that it was his intention to retire **PEGGY SUE** as a racing prospect.

#### Race 5 JIM BURNS SADDLERY MDN 1600 1600m

**SNIP IN TIME** was slow to begin.

**SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE** shifted out abruptly at the start simultaneously with **SKY JAZZ** beginning awkwardly, shifting in abruptly with the rider becoming unbalanced and which resulted in crowding to **BIG MEADSY** and **LITTLE TED** with both runners being unbalanced momentarily.

**SUPERIOR KNOWEDGE** raced keenly when leading through the early to middle stages.

Passing the 600 metres VIGOROUS had to steady when awkwardly placed on heels.

Passing the 400 metres **VOUSSOIR** had to be steadled for some distance when held up for racing room was then held up until passing the 250 metres.

**AMAROK** raced wide without cover throughout.

**LITTLE TED** lay inwards in the straight.

**BIG MEADSY** raced greenly early in the run home.

**SKY JAZZ** was held up for several strides by the tiring **SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE** passing the 150 metres.

## Race 6 HORRELL FARRIER LTD R75 1600 1600m

**GOLDEN CASTLE** and **THE BISHOP** were slow through the early stages.

**HIGH RISE** raced wide early.

**NEWSFLASH** raced keenly through the middle stages.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **PENNYS FROM HEAVEN** A Frye advised she had been obliged to get further back in the running than she wanted, had run on fairly over the concluding stages and was not disappointed with today's effort.

KIRKIE lost his right front plate.

When spoken to regarding the performance of GOLDEN TOWER rider J Bullard advised the gelding had been flat

throughout and had been disappointed. Trainer S Blair-Edie advised it was his intention to have **GOLDEN TOWER** examined by a horse chiropractor prior to racing next.

## Race 7 MCGOO AUTO DUNEDIN MDN 1400 F&M 1400m

MISS MEERKAT began awkwardly losing ground with KATIE'S DIAMOND being slow to begin.

TULLIBARDINE and LADYBIRD BLUE both raced keenly through the early stages.

Passing the 800 metres **ZAC'S GIRL** (T Direen) when racing greenly shifted out and made contact with **WHEZMYPHONE** (R Bishop) with both horses becoming momentarily unbalanced. When being corrected **WHEZMYPHONE** lay in resulting in **ZAC'S GIRL** contacting the heels of **WHEZMYPHONE** blundering badly and losing considerable ground. Stewards interviewed riders and reviewed replays of this incident and deemed this incident to be caused by the racing manners of the horses rather than any rider being at fault. **ZAC'S GIRL** was not persevered with from this point in the race.

Passing the 500 metres **MRS TAPPY** was buffeted and crowded for room when **MISS MEERKAT** (S Wynne) who when laying in shifted in at this point. S Wynne was issued with a warning under Rule 638 (1)(d).

**THE LION QUEEN** and **I'M A TAART** were both held up in the early part of the run home with **THE LION QUEEN** only gaining clear racing room inside the final 100 metres.

WHEZMYPHONE was held up over the concluding stages and went to the line untested by its rider.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **THE LION QUEEN** rider K Williams advised the filly had been held up for the majority of the run home in her first race day start, had finished the race off well and was pleased with today's first up effort.

# Race 8 OTAGO TYRES R65 1400 1400m

**SAPERAVIOUS** which was fractious in its barrier reared as the start was made and lost ground and was further hampered when **TAPPY'S BEST** blundered and shifted out abruptly into its line at the start.

**HERNANDEZ** also began very awkwardly. **HERNANDEZ** threw its head in the air over the early stages when being restrained.

**KEVILDO** raced keenly through the early stages.

WHISKY REIGN and KATIE JAY made contact passing the 900 metres.

**RED BULL** was inclined to lay outwards passing the 400 metres.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of **HERNANDEZ** rider D Prastiyou advised the Stewards the gelding had disappointed and could offer no tangible excuses.