

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	North Canterbury Jockey Club	Date:	Saturday, 5 th October 2013
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good 2		
Rail:	Out 6 metres		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), J McLaughlin, S Renault		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

A blood sample was obtained from THE HAND OF FAITH placed 3 rd in Race 6.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	MESSINES, GALLARU, SOMETHING ZED, EL DOUTE, NO EMOTION, MEDICI, ARIETTA, DILLINGER		
Suspensions:	Race	4	J Bates (CHOICE SNITZEL) [Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 1000 metres – suspended 4 days effective 6 October to 16 October 2013 inclusive.]
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race	1	J Bates (MISTER SPIDERMAN) [Rule 636(1)(c)] – failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race
		3	J Chong (QUEST FOR LUCK) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – shifting ground 200 metres
		4	J Bates (CHOICE SNITZEL) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – shifting ground 1100 metres
		7	C Johnson (ARIETTA) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – shifting ground 1000 metres
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	6	CRYSTAL DUKE – barrier manners warning
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Race	2	SHOWBRERA at 9.07 am on veterinary advice – veterinary clearance required prior to racing again

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	KONICA MINOLTA RATING 65 (2000m)
JIMMY THE ONE was hampered shortly after the start and lost ground.	

MISTER SPIDERMAN, VAPORETTO, LOGAN TOWN and JIMMY THE ONE raced keenly over the early stages, with **VAPORETTO** losing ground approaching the 1600 metres.

Approaching the 600 metres **FLYING LEGEND** which was attempting to shift out to find a clear run bumped on several occasions with **MISTER SPIDERMAN**.

Approaching the 500 metres **JIMATO** steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of **AQUALINE** which shifted in slightly.

FLYING LEGEND and **MISTER SPIDERMAN** had difficulty obtaining complete clear running in the early part of the straight, with **MISTER SPIDERMAN** becoming awkwardly placed and losing momentum near the 400 metres.

Stewards spoke to J Bates, rider of **MISTER SPIDERMAN**, in regard to the reason he failed to ride the gelding out fully to the end of the race. As Stewards were satisfied that **MISTER SPIDERMAN** would not have finished in a better position, no further action was taken other than to issue J Bates with a warning under Rule 636(1)(c).

Trainer M Pitman advised it was his intention to retire **AQUALINE** from his stable.

Race 2	CHRISTCHURCH BUSINESSMAN'S CLUB RATING 65 (1400m)
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CHAMPAGNE KATIE was slow to begin.**SHASPIC** raced three wide with no cover throughout.

Approaching the 600 metres **CHAIR UP** lost ground when being steadied off heels in front.

Near the 450 metres **SNOWDON** was unable to obtain clear running when racing in restricted room. **SNOWDON** then shifted inwards in an endeavour to improve however continued to race in restricted room and near the 100 metres was buffeted between runners.

Stewards opened an inquiry into the manner in which apprentice rider A Frye rode **CHAIR UP** over the concluding 100 metres. Evidence was taken from apprentice A Frye and her employer D Frye. A post race veterinary inspection of **CHAIR UP** revealed a superficial abrasion to the off fetlock. The inquiry was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

TERELLE lost the rear hind plate during the running.

Race 3	PGG WRIGHTSON RANGIORA BACK IN VICTORIA STREET MAIDEN (1400m)
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Passing the 1300 metres **DANSKE IN TIME** shifted outwards abruptly and in doing so hampered **TENNESSEE WHISKEY**. **IRONWORKER** raced fiercely in the early stages and got its head up. **DANSKE IN TIME** which was following had to be steadied on several occasions.

Near the 400 metres **QUEST FOR LUCK** (J Chong) shifted inwards when struck with the whip and bumped **SAMPHIRE**.

Near the 200 metres **SAMPHIRE** had to be checked when crowded between **QUEST FOR LUCK** (J Chong) which shifted in and **FRENCH LESSON** which when shifting out to obtain clear running was carried out further by **WANDERIN ALONG**. No action was taken other than to issue apprentice J Chong with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).

BELT UP hung out throughout and as a result proved difficult to ride and finished wide on the track.

When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **DANSKE IN TIME**, rider J Bates explained that the gelding raced greenly and erratically throughout, and in his opinion may be shin sore. A post race veterinary examination of **DANSKE IN TIME** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer L Didham undertook to keep the Stewards advised of any developments in subsequent days.

When questioned regarding the improved performance of **SOMETHING ZED**, trainer M Harris advised this was the mare's first start under his care, and that on arrival at his stable less than a month prior to today was in poor condition and proved erratic in track work. He added he has since changed the mare's feed, attended to her teeth and taken measures to improve her manners, all of which in his opinion contributed to the improved performance.

Race 4	ZACINTO AT INGLEWOOD STUD GUINEAS TRIAL (1400m)
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Approaching the 1100 metres **EL DOUTE** steadied when crowded momentarily by **CHOICE SNITZEL** (J Bates) which shifted in. J Bates was issued with a warning and advised to exercise greater care in future.

Rider D Walsh reported that his mount **LUKANDER** which was having its first start in blinkers raced greenly in the straight and near the 50 metres shifted out and bumped **KEEPHERHOT**.

Near the 1000 metres **THE RIGHT ANSWER** had to be checked to avoid the heels of **CHOICE SNITZEL** (J Bates) which shifted in. J Bates admitted a charge under Rule 638(1)(d) with the JCA suspending his licence to ride at race meetings for 4 days effective 6 to 16 October 2013 inclusive.

CHOICE SNITZEL hung out under pressure in the straight.

Race 5	RANGIORA NEW WORLD RATING 75 (1600m)
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PAMINA was slow to begin.

COMMANDING OAK got its head up whilst being restrained in the early stages and raced fiercely.**KARAKA JACK** got its head up passing the 1000 metres when being restrained.

KEEPARUNNIN raced wide until the 600 metres.

EL BEE DEE and **PAMINA** both raced in restricted room in the early part of the straight.

HANDSOME MATES hung out under pressure in the home straight finishing wide on the track. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **KEEPARUNNIN**, rider J Bullard explained that after racing wide in the early and middle stages, in his opinion the gelding had worked hard and was unable to respond when placed under pressure.

Race 6	WAIMAKARIRI BUSINESSES NORTH CANTERBURY CUP (2000m)
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CRYSTAL DUKE proved difficult to load and became fractious in the barriers. Trainer K Hughes was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's barrier manners.

KULLU which was fractious in the barriers jumped awkwardly, bumped the side of the gate and lost ground.

THE HAND OF FAITH blundered badly at the start, almost dislodging its rider. **WHISTLING STRAITS** which was drawn to the inside of **THE HAND OF FAITH** was hampered and lost ground as a result. **THE HAND OF FAITH** then pulled hard over the early stages before improving wide to the lead near the 1200 metres.

WHISTLING STRAITS and **LISA LOVE** improved wide rounding the home turn.

Passing the 450 metres **KULLU** shifted inwards abruptly resulting in **CRYSTAL DUKE**, **BIG ENERGY** and **BLACK STOCKINGS**, all of which were following, being hampered. **BIG ENERGY** and **BLACK STOCKINGS** had difficulty obtaining complete clear running for the majority of the home straight.

KULLU hung out in the straight.

Riders D Walsh (**KULLU**) and J Bates (**THE HAND OF FAITH**) both reported it was their intention to race in a position outside the leader however after both horses began awkwardly they found themselves further back than anticipated and were obliged to shift wide to improve.

Race 7	COUPLAND'S BAKERIES MILE PRELUDE (1400m)
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ZAH GIRL, **MONACHEE** and **REVOLT** were slow to begin.

CREDIT CRUNCH got its head up when racing keenly for some distance in the middle stages.

Near the 1000 metres **COMANCHE GOLD** had to be checked when racing keenly in restricted room to the inside of **ARIETTA** (C Johnson) which shifted in. C Johnson was shown a replay and issued with a warning.

Approaching the 200 metres **CANGOWEST** was obliged to shift wide to obtain clear running.

Race 8	PLOUGH HOTEL RATING 75 (1200m)
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ELUSIVE LAW was fractious in the barriers.

PATRICE jumped awkwardly.

DILLINGER and **GOOD EXCUSE** raced keenly in the middle stages.

When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **A BOB SHORT**, apprentice rider C Barnes stated that the gelding travelled well early but failed to respond when placed under pressure. Trainer P O'Malley advised that the gelding had travelled from the West Coast yesterday, had failed to settle over night and was worked up through the day. A post race veterinary inspection of **A BOB SHORT** was ordered however as the gelding proved to be fractious a full examination was unable to be conducted. P O'Malley undertook to inform the Stewards of any developments over subsequent days.