

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Tapanui Racing Club @ Gore	Date:	22 nd December 2013
Weather:	Showery		
Track:	Slow 7/Dead 6		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), N McIntyre, C Allison.		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL:

Selected horses on today's programme had blood samples taken for analysis.
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	READY TO RULE, JAZZMAN, POLLY'S SISTER, HIGH RISE, SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO, CITYCENTA, OOR WULLIE, MAGIC EPIC.		
Protests:	Race		
Suspensions:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	4	D Prastiyou (HIGH RISE). [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 600 metres.
	Race	7	S Muniandy (NEWS FLASH) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 300 metres.
	Race	8	M Cropp (THE JESTER). [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 800 metres.
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	3	TAP LYN – must trial on one occasion to the Stewards satisfaction.
		7	THE GROOMSMAN - must trial on one occasion to the Stewards satisfaction.
Medical Certificates:			
Rider:	Race		
Late Scratchings:			

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	DODDS MEMORIAL / BB SPRAYING & WHITE ROBE LODGE MAIDEN (2000M)
<p>SKY JAZZ jumped awkwardly with apprentice rider J Wong receiving a blow to the face from his horse's head. J Wong was examined post-race by the St John Ambulance Paramedics and cleared to fulfill his remaining riding engagements.</p> <p>HONOR AND CHERISH blundered at the start and lost ground.</p> <p>Approaching the 1300 metres SKY JAZZ which was racing keenly lost ground when momentarily placed in restricted room.</p> <p>TUTOR was obliged to race wide until the 1200 metres.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of favoured runner PROXIMITY apprentice rider M Cropp explained his mount travelled well until the 600 metres however when placed under pressure failed to respond.</p>	
Race 2	RANFURLY HOTEL / GORE SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS MAIDEN (1200M)
<p>NEED A WILSON'S was slow into stride.</p> <p>Passing the 1000 metres PEAK HOUR which was racing keenly was steadied when momentarily crowded between MANDY BAY</p>	

which shifted outwards slightly and **RISKY FLIGHT** which was racing greenly and shifted inwards. Near the 600 metres **PEAK HOUR** which continued to race keenly was steadied away from the heels of **MANDY BAY** and near the 400 metres was again steadied away from the heels of **MANDY BAY** which had commenced to weaken at this point. **RISKY FLIGHT** raced wide without cover throughout. Apprentice rider C Barnes reported **ALOTTATOW** had raced greenly in the early stages and hung out rounding the home turn proving difficult to ride in the final straight before shifting ground outwards abruptly near the 50 metres. In the home straight **JOSEPHINE BAKER** which was hanging in had to be straightened on several occasions. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **ÉCLAIR CHOCOLAT** apprentice rider J Wong explained his horse had jumped awkwardly and lost ground and was under pressure throughout. He added in his opinion the filly may be better suited to a firmed track and over more ground. Following the running of this event the official track conditions were upgraded to Dead 6.

Race 3	HARLIWICH CONTRACTING / EWAN ALLAN HONDA MAIDEN (1335M)
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GOLD NUGGET which dislodged apprentice rider J Morris during the preliminary and escaped riderless for some distance before being recaptured underwent a pre-race veterinarian examination and was cleared to race. J Morris was uninjured in this incident. **CROYDON** also underwent a pre-race veterinarian examination after receiving a kick from another runner when around at the start area and was cleared to race. **TAP LYN** proved difficult to load. This start of this event was delayed due to the above incidents. **TAP LYN** stood flat footed at the start and lost considerable ground. The connections of **TAP LYN** were advised the mare must trial on one occasion to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. **OWE THE RANSOM** jumped awkwardly and lost considerable ground. **OUT WEST** was slow to begin. **CROYDON** raced wide throughout. **BEAUTIFUL BEAST** and **THE SHEPHARD** raced keenly through the early stages with both horses having to be steadied away from heels near the 900 metres. **BEAUTIFUL BEAST** and **THE SHEPHARD** then continued to race keenly until the 600 metres with apprentice rider KC Walters reporting **THE SHEPHARD** commenced to hang out from this point and proved difficult to ride. **BEAUTIFUL BEAST** was held up rounding the home turn until passing the 200 metres where it was shifted out to improve.

Race 4	MATAURA LICENSING TRUST / TAPANUI FOUR SQUARE HANDICAP (1335M)
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HEZA KOOL KAT was slow to begin and then raced keenly in the early stages. **CREDIT CRUNCH** and **RECORDING** raced keenly approaching the 1000 metres. Rounding the bend near the 600 metres **COMANCHE GOLD** was steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of **HIGH RISE** (D Prastiyou) which shifted inwards slightly. Apprentice D Prastiyou was shown a replay of the incident, issued with a warning and advised he must make a greater effort in future to allow others racing room when shifting ground. **HIGH RISE** hung out rounding the home turn and drifted wider when placed under pressure in the straight. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **SEMPER PLUS** rider C Johnson explained his mount had failed to handle today's track conditions. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **HIGH RISE** trainer G Gibson explained that the gelding had raced keenly in its previous starts, however a combination of getting a soft lead today, a change of gear and being able to claim 3kgs had all contributed to the improved performance.

Race 5	AON INSURANCE BROKERS & ADVANCE AGRICULTURE HANDICAP (1335M)
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KEEP A FORTUNE and **MATOAKA** were a little slow into stride. Shortly after the start **MASTER CHIEF** was buffeted between **LIFES' IN A SPIN** and **SOPHRONIA**. **MASTER CHIEF** raced keenly near the 1000 metres when being restrained to obtain cover. **KEVILDO** and **LIFE'S IN A SPIN** raced wide throughout. Rounding the home turn **MR KIRK** shifted outwards to improve and in doing so bumped with **KEVILDO**. **SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO** shifted outwards in the home straight when placed under pressure. **MATOAKA** had a checkered run in the straight. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **SECRET GURU** apprentice rider C Barnes explained she was disappointed with the gelding's performance. Trainer S Anderton advised in his opinion **SECRET GURU** may not have backed up from racing last week and it is his intention to have blood test taken and then give the gelding a short spell. When questioned regarding the riding tactics adopted today on **KEEP A FORTUNE** apprentice rider A Morgan explained her instructions were to ride the mare forward similar to its last start however **KEEP A FORTUNE** had become stirred up during its preliminary today and after beginning moderately settled further back than expected. Miss Morgan further added that after being held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn she was obliged to shift inwards and although the mare was inclined to hang in **KEEP A FORTUNE** was still able to make good ground once in clear running. Trainer M Pitman confirmed the riding instructions. Stewards accepted Miss Morgan's explanation. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO** trainer R Clark explained he had the mare examined by a chiropractor after being found to be slightly sore in the shoulder area following its last start. He added being able to claim may have contributed to the improved performance. Mr Clark was reminded of his obligations to advise Stewards of any findings which may have affected the performance of **SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO**.

Race 6	SGT DAN STOCKFOODS / NOEL LEEMING / HERIOT HOTEL HANDICAP (2000M)
<p>HOWLONGDOWEWAIT was slow to begin.</p> <p>ALYSSA BELLE jumped awkwardly and shifted in abruptly crowding RUGBY STREET, GUNNA FLY and SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA.</p> <p>ALYSSA BELLE raced keenly in the early and middle stages.</p> <p>SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA raced wide throughout and rounding the home turn shifted out carrying RUGBY STREET wider on the track.</p> <p>Approaching the 1200 metres TOUCHDOWN which was racing erratically shifted outwards and lost ground resulting in SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA and HOWLONGDOWEWAIT being hampered.</p> <p>NO ROSETTES raced keenly in the middle stages.</p> <p>Approaching the 500 metres GUNNA FLY was held up for clear racing room before being able to shift ground inwards to improve.</p> <p>Rounding the home turn PHIL WENNECK was placed in restricted room to the inside of MISS CITRON (R Black) which after being held up for clear racing room shifted ground inwards to improve. Apprentice rider R Black was shown a replay and advised to exercise more care in future.</p> <p>Shortly after the 200 metres DOUBLE TAP which was weakening had to be steadied away from the heels of GUNNA FLY which shifted outwards under pressure.</p>	
Race 7	DYNES TRANSPORT LTD TAPANUI CUP (2000M)
<p>OOR WULLIE was fractious in the barriers.</p> <p>THE GROOMSMAN stood flat footed at the start and lost considerable ground. The connections were advised THE GROOMSMAN must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next.</p> <p>GOLD LEAF was slow to begin.</p> <p>Passing the winning post on the first occasion GLAIZEM was steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of NEWS FLASH which when racing keenly had shifted inwards away from KINAWIN.</p> <p>NEWS FLASH continued to race keenly and was steadied when making the crossing awkwardly passing the 1600 metres.</p> <p>ARISTA raced keenly in the early stages and became unbalanced passing the crossing.</p> <p>GOLDEN TOWER and INDY RULER both raced wide through the middle stages.</p> <p>GEORGE ALMIGHTY commenced to give ground rapidly from the 700 metres.</p> <p>Approaching the 600 metres ARISTA was held up for clear running behind the tiring GEORGE ALMIGHTY.</p> <p>Approaching the 300 metres NEWS FLASH (S Muniandy) shifted ground inwards making heavy contact with OOR WULLIE. Rider S Muniandy was issued with a warning and advised to exercise greater care in future.</p> <p>Stewards requested a post race veterinary examination of OOR WULLIE which returned to the birdcage with blood present in both nostrils. The subsequent examination revealed OOR WULLIE to have abrasions to its forehead above both eyes consistent with head trauma and therefore OOR WULLIE was confirmed not to be a bleeder.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of GEORGE ALMIGHTY apprentice rider J Wong explained in his opinion the gelding had failed to handle today's track conditions. The Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of GEORGE ALMIGHTY which revealed no obvious abnormalities.</p>	
Race 8	COUPLAND'S BAKERIES / WEST OTAGO TRANSPORT HANDICAP (1200M)
<p>ASTRALIGHT jumped very awkwardly unbalancing rider S Muniandy resulting in him losing the use of his stirrup irons and taking no further part in the race.</p> <p>Passing the 800 metres FIVE KINGS was crowded for room and became unbalanced when racing to the inside of THE JESTER (M Cropp) which shifted inwards. Apprentice rider M Cropp was issued with a warning and advised to exercise greater care in future.</p> <p>Shortly after the 600 metres MAGIC EPIC was held up for clear running and had to be steadied.</p> <p>Passing the 200 metres THE JESTER which was improving into a narrow run was placed in restricted room to the inside of CRACKER which shifted in slightly.</p> <p>MISS EL BEE DEE was held up for clear running from rounding the home turn until approaching the 100 metres.</p> <p>NATKINGCOLE which was weakening was momentarily placed in restricted room to the inside of MAGIC EPIC which shifted in slightly.</p>	