

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	26 th December 2013
Weather:	Raining/Showery		
Track:	Slow 8/Slow 9 before Race 1/Heavy 10 after Race 1/Heavy 11 after Race 5		
Rail:	Out 2 metres from 900-400 true the rest		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman) C Allison and S Renault		
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.

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

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	RI'GAH BROOK, VECTOR CHANGE, INCLUDE, BELLE D'OR, CHAPEL STAR, HIT THE BIT, THE DIAMOND ONE, SUCRE, MISS PERFECTO, BECHTOLSHEIMER.		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	4	V Christophers – Rule 537(a) – late to declare rider for BELLE D'OR
		9	R Bishop (RED BULL) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 250 metres
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	9	POINT PROVEN – barrier manners warning
		9	SLAM DUNK – barrier manners warning
Medical Certificates:	Received Clearing Rider L Callaway Received Clearing Rider J Chong		
Rider Changes:	Race		
Late Scratching:	Race	3	ALESSIO due to the track downgrade
		7	CAPTAIN KIRK due to the track downgrade
		9	OUR SANTANA due to the track downgrade
		9	SLAM DUNK refusing to enter the barrier

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	POUNAWEA MOTOR CAMP MAIDEN 1400m
<p>LEEBOY began awkwardly.</p> <p>TULLIBARDINE raced keenly through the early stages and wide throughout.</p> <p>Passing the 100 metres RUBY'S ROSE had to steady and change ground when crowded for room by MARIA SANTOS who shifted in under pressure. C Johnson was advised to exercise care.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite MARIA SANTOS rider C Johnson advised he had received a nice trip throughout, had challenged in the straight and believed the heavy nature of today's track took the edge off the fillies effort over the concluding stages.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the performance of TUDOR LILY apprentice rider D Prastiyou advised TUDOR LILY had felt flat throughout and he was disappointed with the mare's effort. However he could offer no tangible explanation.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the tactics adopted on SETARIME particularly through the middle stages rider A Morgan advised that her instructions had been to be handy or lead if there was no pace and after finding the lead the mare had begun to race keenly resulting in her lead being more than anticipated. Trainer M Pitman confirmed the instructions but had been</p>	

disappointed that Miss Morgan was not able to steady her mount through the middle stages with Miss Morgan being shown a replay of her ride in the presence of her employer for educational purposes.
LEEBOY cast an off hind plate during the run.

Race 2 | **MORE FM 2YO DASH HANDICAP 800m**

The start of this event was delayed approximately 3 minutes when several first starter two year olds proved difficult to load.

Passing the 450 metres **SO VITAL** had to steady momentarily when awkwardly placed on the heels of **VECTOR CHANGE**.
OH SO SMART lay in through the run home with the rider swapping whip hands.

VECTOR CHANGE was inclined to lay in throughout the run home and had to be straightened on at least two occasions.

SILVIA raced greenly over the concluding stages and shifted out abruptly when shying at the winning post.

Rider M Haruki advised the Stewards he dropped his whip from his mount **SILVIA** near the 200 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **HERE'S TO IT** rider J Bates advised the gelding had not handled the heavy nature of today's track.

Race 3 | **SPEIGHT'S GUINEAS PRELUDE 3YO 1400m**

IRISH EXCUSE raced keenly through the early stages.

PERFECT PROSPECT raced wide throughout.

TIMY TYLER lay in over the concluding stages and had to be straightened on a number of occasions.

Race 4 | **MAD BUTCHER OTAGO CUP 2400m**

Trainer V Christopher was issued a warning under Rule 537(a) when being slightly late in declaring a rider for **BELLE D'OR**.

SOLDIER OF LOVE, **NEWS FLASH** and **YAZOOM** all raced keenly through the early stages due to the lack of pace.

NEWS FLASH lay in throughout the home straight and had to be straightened.

Race 5 | **McGRATH BENCHTOP SOLUTIONS RATING 85 1600m**

SCHOCKEMOHL, **CHAPEL STAR** and **KIRKIE** raced keenly through the early stages due to the lack of pace.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **BLUE N GOLD** rider T Direen reported the mare had failed to handle the testing nature of today's track.

Rider M Cropp also reported that **TERELLE** was not suited to today's track conditions.

Race 6 | **OTAGO PACKAGING SUPPLIES RATING 75 1400m**

KARAKA JACK began awkwardly throwing its head in the air for several strides and settled at the rear of the field.

ORTEM FIRE raced wide through the early stages.

KILLA QUESTION raced in restricted room for several strides passing the 200 metres.

HIT THE BIT who lay in over the final stages had to be straightened passing the 50 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **NORAH** which finished in last placing, rider T Direen advised that she had been handier to the pace than she wanted to be but the mare was under pressure on the home turn and failed to respond adding that she believed the mare did not handle today's testing track conditions. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

A Frye the rider of **MIKABELLA** advised she believed the mare did not handle today's testing track conditions.

Race 7 | **BP2GO ALCO MOTORS STAKES HANDICAP 1200m**

BIG RED who had not raced for over 12 months underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was cleared to start.

NEVER DIE raced keenly through the early stages.

SUCRE was obliged to improve wide from the 700 metres.

PARAKETO was held up for some distance rounding the home bend.

THE DIAMOND ONE (T Moseley) was held up for racing room through the early part of the run home and passing the 150 metres had to shift ground outwards and in doing so made firm contact with **LIGHT'S UP** who was taken wider on the track. T Moseley was advised to exercise care.

ANZAC STAR shifted in over the concluding stages momentarily inconveniencing **OUR GENES** passing the 100 metres.

Stewards ordered a post-race examination of **BIG RED** which finished last, with the subsequent examination revealing no abnormalities.

Race 8 | **WAL'S PLANT LAND BUSH ROAD RATING 65 1200m**

Stewards requested a ruling from the JCA under Rule 330(2) after trainer J Burrows requested that rider D Bothamley be replaced on **DO UNO WHOIAM**. After hearing submissions from trainer Burrows, jockey Bothamley and the Stewards the matter was resolved without a determination being required.

GREAT DANCER blundered at the start.

DO UNO WHOIAM shifted out abruptly at the start crowding **POGUE** who lost ground.

UBETCHA bounded at the start and lost ground.

DO UNO WHOIAM raced keenly through the early stages.

Passing the 500 metres **THE GOVERNATOR** made contact with **UBETCHA** when attempting a run to the outside of **TUG O' WAR** resulting in **THE GOVERNATOR** becoming unbalanced and blundering momentarily.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **POGUE** rider A Morgan advised that she had been trapped nearer the fence in the worst part of the track conditions with the gelding being under pressure on the turn and only battling over the concluding stages. Miss Morgan also advised that in her opinion the gelding did not handle today's testing track conditions.

Rider J Wong reported to the Stewards that **GREAT DANCER** did not handle today's testing track conditions.

Race 9

OCTOBER PROTECTION RATING 65 1600m

The start of this race was delayed five minutes 50 seconds firstly due to **POINT PROVEN** proving difficult to load and then **SLAM DUNK** refusing to enter the barrier. **SLAM DUNK** was declared a late scratching at 7.49 pm. The connections of **POINT PROVEN** and **SLAM DUNK** were both advised their respective horses were on barrier manners warnings.

RED BULL shifted out at the start hampering **TO THE MAX** who lost ground.

POINT PROVEN was slow to begin.

FLYING STORM raced keenly through the early stages.

FLYING STORM was held up for some distance rounding the final bend. Passing the 250 metres **RED BULL** (R Bishop) who was laying out shifted out placing **FLYING STORM** in restricted room momentarily. Simultaneous to **RED BULL** being straightened **FLYING STORM** shifted ground inwards and was again placed in restricted room and was obliged to further shift in making firm contact with **VICTORY GOLD** with both runners being momentarily unbalanced. R Bishop was issued with a warning for careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d).

Also at the 250 metres **DELACROIX** (K Williams) shifted out under pressure placing **EVIDENCE** in restricted room who then had to steady. K Williams was advised to exercise care.

The connections of **FLYING STORM** viewed replays of the incident at the 250 metres before deciding not to proceed with a protest.

Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **TO THE MAX** who finished a distant last with the subsequent veterinary examination revealing a superficial cut to a back leg that required some veterinary assistance.