

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Waikouaiti Racing Club	Date:	1 st January 2014
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Dead 6		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin 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:	SOUTHERN POWER, THORN LANE, LADYBIRD BLUE, TOMMY TUCKER, COMMANDING OAK, DARCI COUP, CONSCIOUS MISTAKE, ASK ME.
Suspensions:	Race S Muniandy (ZAC'S GIRL) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding – suspended from the conclusion of racing on 4 January up until the conclusion of racing on 15 January (3 days)
Protests:	Race
Fines:	Race 2 M Cropp – Rule 330(3)(c) – overweight – fined \$100 3 M Pitman – Rule 802(1)(a) – presented wrong horse to race – fined \$400 5 D Frye – Rule 537(a) – late to declare rider for STRADBROKE CITY – fined \$50
Warnings:	Race
Bleeders:	Race
Horse Actions:	Race
Medical Certificates:	Received clearing D Walsh to ride
Rider Changes:	Race 2 CHAPELLE D'OR – R Doherty replace M Cropp – overweight
Late Scratching:	Race

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BLUESKIN NURSERIES / CARGILL CONTRACTING MAIDEN 2YO+UP CG&E 1250m
<p>The start of this event was delayed 2 minutes due to several runners proving difficult to load.</p> <p> CRAVENAYE raced keenly through the early stages as the paced eased.</p> <p> LUKANDER lay in throughout the run home with the rider swapping whip hands and also having to straighten his mount passing the 200 metres.</p> <p> SOMETHINGS BURNING lay out over the concluding stages and brushed with SOUTHERN POWER just short of the post.</p>	
Race 2	COOKE HOWLISON HYUNDAI / PGG WRIGHTSON MAIDEN 1975m
<p> PRINCE EDEN shifted out abruptly at the start crowding OWE THE RANSOM and ROTAR who both lost ground.</p> <p> ZAC'S GIRL shifted in at the start making contact with THORN LANE which was buffeted and taken in onto ROTAR and OWE THE RANSOM who were both further hampered.</p> <p> HANDSOME DAX raced wide through the early stages.</p> <p> TROOPER improved wide from the 1400 metres to the lead.</p> <p>As the pace eased passing the 1100 metres ZAC'S GIRL began to over-race and HANDSOME DAX shifted out off heels</p>	

forcing **THORN LANE** wider on the track momentarily.

ZAC'S GIRL raced ungenerously passing the 1000 metres.

CHAPELLE D'OR raced in restricted room for several strides passing the 300 metres.

Passing the 200 metres **ZAC'S GIRL** (S Muniandy) was angled out to find clear racing room and in doing so shifted out checking **DESERT GIRL** and **HANDSOME DAX**. This incident resulted in **HANDSOME DAX** being buffeted and becoming momentarily unbalanced. S Muniandy admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding. After hearing submissions from Mr Muniandy and the Stewards and viewing the films, the JCA imposed a suspension of 3 days, from the conclusion of racing on 4 January up to the conclusion of racing on 15 January.

Passing the 125 metres **DESERT GIRL** had to shift ground inwards to find clear racing room when held up by the tiring **TROOPER**.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **TROOPER** rider D Walsh advised the gelding had raced up to its form and had been disappointing. Trainer M Pitman advised he would be making a gear change to **TROOPER** and also advised it would not be getting many more racing opportunities from his stable.

Race 3	OTAGO DAILY TIMES MAIDEN 2YO&UP F&M 1250m
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Trainer M Pitman admitted a breach of Rule 802(1)(a) when he presented **COMMANDING OAK** to race when in fact the horse should have been **SETARIME**. After hearing submissions from Mr Pitman and the Stewards the JCA imposed a fine of \$400.

LADYBIRD BLUE was slow to begin.

MISS ALICE raced ungenerously through the early stages when being restrained and when passing the 1000 metres shifted out making contact with and forcing **ANGEL FALLS** wider on the track at that point.

SETARIME raced wide throughout.

UNICORN POWER gave ground from the 800 metres and finished a distant last with the Stewards ordering a post-race veterinary examination of **UNICORN POWER** which revealed no abnormalities.

LADYBIRD BLUE improved wide from the 600 metres.

Race 4	HOPE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS / SOUTHFUELS R75 BENCHMARK 1250m
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GOSSIP GIRL was slow to begin and tailed the field throughout.

KILLA QUESTION raced wide throughout.

CRACKER lay out rounding the final bend.

ROSE TATTOO lay in early in the run home and passing the 200 metres had to shift ground outwards when awkwardly placed on the heels of **KILLA QUESTION**.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **GOSSIP GIRL** who finished a distant last rider P Shaikh advised that the mare had been flat throughout despite his urgings and further added that the mare was probably looking for more distance.

Race 5	WAIKOUAITI AUTO & ENGINEERING / EAST OTAGO TRANSPORT R65 BENCHMARK 1975m
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SOUTHERN SAV began awkwardly and was slow through the early stages.

YOUNG BACHELOR made the bend by the 1100 metres awkwardly shifting wider on the track.

Passing the 275 metres **READY TO RULE** shifted in under pressure momentarily placing **JIMMYTOSHOES** in restricted room.

Following the running of this race rider T Direen advised the Stewards that she believed there was something not right with **YOUNG BACHELOR** and as a result a veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no obvious race day abnormalities but the connections advised that the horse has been retired from racing.

When questioned regarding the apparent form reversal of **COMMANDING OAK** trainer M Pitman advised that three starts ago the horse had a hard run and believed it had taken the edge off the gelding in its following two starts. He added the horse had good dead track form and aided by a good ride from a senior jockey had lead to today's improved performance which was not unexpected by the connections.

Race 6	DUNEDIN CASINO WAIKOUAITI CUP R85 BENCHMARK 1975m
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KIRKIE raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

Passing the 1500 metres **NEWS FLASH** had to steady momentarily when **NO EMOTION** (A Morgan) shifted in when only marginally clear. Apprentice rider A Morgan was shown the replay of the race and advised to exercise more care.

MESSINES was obliged to race wide from the 1000 metres.

NEWS FLASH was inclined to lay in throughout the run home.

Rider A Morgan (**NO EMOTION**) dropped her inside rein rounding the home turn.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **NEWS FLASH** rider S Muniandy advised the Stewards that he believed the gelding had been disappointing and the only excuse he could offer was that **NEWS FLASH** was feeling the effects of recent racing.

When spoken to regarding the improved performance of **DARCI COUP** which ran last at its previous start trainer M Pitman

advised that in its last race there had been no pace which had not suited the horse. Today there had been good pace in the race and the addition of a senior rider had improved the horse's performance which was not unexpected by the connections.

Race 7	SPEIGHT'S NEW YEAR'S DAY SPRINT OPEN HCP 1250m
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HIGH RISE began awkwardly.

CREDIT CRUNCH raced wide throughout.

FLASH HAPI and **CONSCIOUS MISTAKE** both raced keenly in the run down the back straight.

HIGH RISE who way laying out, shifted ground outwards over the concluding stages and had to be straightened passing the 100 metres.

Race 8	HARBOUR FISH / CRT FARMLANDS R65 BENCHMARK 1250m
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CELTIC BOY began awkwardly losing ground.

Shortly after the start **MR KIRK** was buffeted for a stride when runners either side shifted ground marginally.

LICKWISH raced wide without cover throughout.

Passing the 700 metres **POGUE** had to be steadied when making the bend awkwardly.

MARECHAL and **THE GOVERNATOR** both were obliged to improve wide from the 500 metres.

CELTIC BOY made the final bend very awkwardly throwing its head in the air and losing momentum as a result.

JAZZMAN who had lost its cheek burr shortly after the start lay out throughout the straight and could not be ridden to full advantage.

ASK ME also lay out over the concluding stages.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **POGUE** rider D Walsh reported that the gelding had not handled the bends and had also only battled over the concluding stages and had been disappointing.