

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Central Otago Racing Club	Date:	3 rd January 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 5 / Slow 7 after Race 1		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), C Allison and S Renault		
Typist:	M O'Brien		

GENERAL:

Stewards inspected the track prior to racing today after heavy overnight rain. The inspection showed the track to be patchy with wetter spots particularly throughout the run home. Stewards deemed the racing surface safe for racing and advised the riders of the wetter patches on the track. Rider R Black (SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE) experienced transport difficulties for Race 1 and was replaced by R Doherty.
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:			NANCHO LASS, HELL RAISER, RUBY'S ROSE, LUKANDER, GERVASIO, EL DOUTE, COUP DARCI BE, DARCI COUP, MOTORBIKE MIKE, THE BISHOP, MAGIC EPIC, GOLD LEAF.
Suspensions:	Race	6	A Frye (WESTERN WARRIOR) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding – suspended 9 January until 13 January (2 days)
		8	KC Walters (KING PRAWN) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding – suspended 5 January until the 15 January (3 days)
Protests:	Race	8	ALPINE HEIGHTS (M Cropp) 3 rd versus KING PRAWN (KC Walters) 2 nd – upheld
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	5	A Frye (STRADBROKE CITY) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 250 metres
		6	A Frye (WESTERN WARRIOR) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 1200 metres
		11	A Morgan (SIR SINGO) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 1100 metres
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	DERMOTT BROWN – racing manners warning
		3	THE SHEPHARD – must barrier trial
		6	OK BILLYO – vet clearance required
		11	THE GALLANT GIRL – must barrier trial
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	1	SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE – R Doherty replaced R Black due to transport difficulties
Late Scratchings:	Race	11	BRAGGING RIGHTS – Track downgrade
		11	THE GALLANT GIRL – Refused to take its place in the barrier
		12	SQUASH – Track downgrade

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BECKERS TRANSPORT / MCLARENS TRANSPORT LTD MAIDEN 2000m
OWE THE RANSOM bounded at the start. VOUSSOIR was buffeted and lost ground when THE BUBBLY ONE shifted out at the start. CODE OF HONOUR raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained. PRINCE EDEN raced wide before taking the lead passing the 800 metres. CODE OF HONOUR gave ground from the 600 metres finishing a distant last with rider T Moseley reporting the gelding had	

made an abnormal breathing noise during the running. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **CODE OF HONOUR** which revealed the possibility of a laryngeal hemiplegia with the connections advising the Stewards they would be having the horse scoped upon return to their home stable. The connections were advised to keep the Stewards informed during the coming days.

QUEST FOR LUCK was held up for several strides by the tiring **SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE** passing the 350 metres. **QUEST FOR LUCK** then shifted out on the point of the turn taking **SKY JAZZ** and **VOUSSOIR** wider on the turn.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of **VOUSSOIR** rider J Bullard advised the Stewards that the gelding did not handle today's slow track conditions.

When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **OWE THE RANSOM** rider C Johnson advised that he had a good run throughout but when the gelding was placed under pressure in the home straight had failed to respond to his urgings and had disappointed.

After consultation with riders following the running of this event the track was downgraded to Slow 7.

Race 2	DUNCAN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES MAIDEN 2YO&UP 1100m
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The start of this event was delayed 3 minutes 50 seconds with the horses firstly arriving late at the starting area and then several runners proving difficult to load.

JIMMY began awkwardly shifting in and making heavy contact with **ELDANTE** who was further hampered losing ground when **CLEO LAYNE** began awkwardly and shifted in.

DERMOTT BROWN shifted out shortly after the start hampering **ELDANTE** who had to steady.

BON CHERIE raced wide throughout.

DERMOTT BROWN lay out throughout the running and could not be ridden to any advantage. The connections of **DERMOTT BROWN** were advised that the gelding was on a racing manners warning. Trainer S Price advised that the gelding will now be sent for a spell and will be back at the trials before returning to the races.

BON CHERIE lay out over the concluding stages.

Race 3	BREEN CONSTRUCTION / SPEIGHT'S MAIDEN 1400m
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TAP LYN began awkwardly and was slow through the early stages.

THE SHEPHARD raced fiercely through the early to middle stages proving very difficult to control and passing the 700 metres was retired from the event by rider KC Walters after his saddle slipped well forward. The connections were advised the gelding must trial satisfactorily prior to racing next.

TIGER BAY raced wide through the early to middle stages.

TAP LYN made the final bend awkwardly when being angled wider on the home turn for clear racing room.

Rider C Barnes reported that **ALOTTATOW** had hung outwards rounding the final bend.

Race 4	KYNLALLAN FARM CO / RANFURLY HOTEL MAIDEN 1400m
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SNEAKAMOMENT and **LUKANDER** were both slow to begin.

BEAUTIFUL BEAST raced wide in the early stages.

Passing the 1000 metres **PETER PARKER** who had begun to race keenly had to be steadied and in doing so shifted ground outwards marginally dictating **BEAUTIFUL BEAST** wider.

Passing the 250 metres **JOSEPHINE BAKER** (R Bishop) shifted out momentarily hampering **BEAUTIFUL BEAST** who had to steady. R Bishop was spoken to and advised to exercise care.

Passing the 200 metres **SO WISE** had to be steadied and shift ground outwards when awkwardly placed on the heels of **PETER PARKER**.

SOUTHERN POWER shifted ground outwards over the concluding stages.

Stewards spoke to rider T Moseley regarding the performance of favoured runner **THE FASCINATOR** with Mr Moseley advising he had got back at the start but had been held up by tiring runners rounding the final bend and added that **THE FASCINATOR** had found the line nicely over the concluding stages and he was satisfied with today's first up effort.

Race 5	PGG WRIGHTSON AON INSURANCE BROKERS R65 BENCHMARK 1400m
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ST BERNARD began awkwardly losing several lengths then lay out and made the first bend very awkwardly.

Passing the 250 metres **STRADBROKE CITY** (A Frye) shifted out placing **WHARE CREEK** in restricted room momentarily result in **WHARE CREEK** having to shift ground inwards to find clear racing room. Miss Frye was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).

FIATT raced in restricted room early in the run home and had to shift ground outwards passing the 100 metres.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of favoured runner **ST BERNARD** rider T Direen reported that she believed the gelding did not handle today's track conditions. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of **ST BERNARD** which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

Race 6	AWS LEGAL ALEXANDRA R65 BENCHMARK 1400m
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EL DOUTE underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection after rider J Bullard expressed some concern regarding the colt's action during the preliminary. The subsequent examination cleared **EL DOUTE** to race.

OK BILLYO jumped awkwardly and settled at the rear of the field.

HALO FLIGHT after being slow to begin was taken forward to lead at the 1000 metres.

OUR SANTANA raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained to take a position.

Passing the 1200 metres **NO MEAN FEAT** had to be steadied when crowded for room between **IMA GEEGEE** and **WESTERN WARRIOR** (A Frye) which shifted in. **NO MEAN FEAT** was obliged to race wide from this point. A Frye was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).

EL DOUTE improved wide from the 600 metres.

STRUCTURE was held up rounding the final bend.

Passing the 250 metres **WESTERN WARRIOR** (A Frye) shifted ground outwards resulting in **NO MEAN FEAT** having to be checked and shift ground inwards to find clear racing room. Apprentice rider A Frye with the assistance of her employer Mr D Frye admitted a charge of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d) After the hearing of evidence and submissions from all parties the JCA suspended Miss Frye's licence to ride from the 9 January until 13 January (2 days).

Stewards ordered a veterinary inspection of **OK BILLYO** who tailed the field throughout finishing in last placing which revealed a suspected injury to the left front tendon with the connections advised that the gelding will need a vet clearance before racing again.

Race 7	FULTON HOGAN ALEXANDRA R85 BENCHMARK 1100m
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REFRESHNLY VIBRANT raced wide throughout.

Passing the 800 metres **COUP DARCI BE** had to shift wider on the track and be steadied when taken outwards by **ALL SPICE** who when laying out shifted ground outwards and away from **NEVER DIE**.

EL DORADO SUN lay in throughout the run home and had to be straightened on a number of occasions.

Race 8	COPPER CAFÉ & BAR / WHITE ROBE LODGE CLARE MEMORIAL GOLD CUP OPN HCP 2000m
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PENNY LANE and **FONEELEVEN** who were both over racing made heavy contact when **FONEELEVEN** attempted to shift **PENNY LANE** inwards approximately 200 metres after the start.

KING PRAWN raced wide throughout the early and middle stages.

RIC O'SHEA raced keenly when being restrained passing the 1400 metres. **RIC O'SHEA** continued to race keenly through to the middle stages.

Passing the 125 meters **KING PRAWN** (KC Walters) shifted out under pressure crowding and checking **ALPINE HEIGHTS** (M Cropp). The connections of **ALPINE HEIGHTS** lodged a protest against the second placing of **KING PRAWN** with the margin between the two runners being half a length. After submissions from all parties and viewing replays involved the JCA upheld the protest with **ALPINE HEIGHTS** promoted to second and **KING PRAWN** relegated to third.

Rider KC Walters defended a resultant charge of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d) and after hearing evidence and submissions from all parties concerned, the JCA found the charge proved and suspended Mr Walters licence to ride from the 5 January until the 15 January (3 days).

Race 9	PETER LYON SEEKING REDEPTION R65 BENCHMARK 2000m
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The start of this event was delayed due to a protest in the previous race.

SOUTHERN SAV failed to come out of the gates with the remainder of the field losing considerable ground. **SOUTHERN SAV** was placed on a further barrier manners warning taking into consideration the lack of trials in the South Island in the coming weeks, also taking into consideration that trainer M Pitman advised will remove the blinkers from the gelding and will also be putting a senior rider on at its next start.

Due to the pace easing over the early stages **SLAM DUNK**, **DOUBLE TAP**, **TILLY** and **RED BULL** all raced keenly.

SLAM DUNK made the bend out of the straight awkwardly and lay out for some distance.

TILLY raced erratically through the middle stages.

POINT PROVEN raced wide from the 1200 metres.

SEEKING REDEMPTION was held up rounding the final bend and early in the run home.

MOTORBOAT MIKE (J Wong) improved wide from the 600 metres raced greenly throughout the run home and passing the 100 metres shifted out momentarily inconveniencing **GUNNA FLY**. **MOTORBOAT MIKE** was straightened inwards and again momentarily hampered **GUNNA FLY** who had changed ground inwards as well. Rider J Wong was shown replays of the incident with the apprentice jockey mentor and advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

Race 10	DUNSTAN HOTEL / OMAKAU AUTO CENTRE R65 BENCHMARK 2000m
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TUATAP began awkwardly and shifted out taking **THE BISHOP** outwards on to **RUSHINELLA** with both these runners being buffeted and losing some ground.

COMMANDING OAK raced keenly through the early stages.

TUATAP who was leading made the bend by the crossing at the 1500 metres awkwardly.

THE BISHOP was inclined to lay in throughout the run home.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **DELACROIX** rider C Johnson advised the gelding had hung outwards through the running and only battled over the concluding stages.

Race 11	ALEXANDRA NEW WORLD R75 BENCHMARK 1400m
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THE GALLANT GIRL was a late scratching at the start after refusing to take its place in the barrier. The connections were advised the mare would need to barrier trial before racing again.

MAGIC EPIC was slow to begin.

Passing the 1100 metres **ISHIGOLD** had to be severely restrained when **SIR SINGO** (A Morgan) and **BILLY BINGO** shifted in on the point of the bend causing **ISHIGOLD** to shift out and hamper **PINOT EXPRESS**. Stewards interviewed riders involved and after viewing replays which proved inconclusive it was decided that Apprentice rider A Morgan be issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).

Also passing the 1100 metres **MAGIC EPIC** who began to race keenly had to be steadied as the pace eased at this point in the race.

SIR SINGO lay out in the home straight and had to be straightened.

Race 12	WS HICKEY & SON LTD / LEMPRIERE WOOL NZ LTD R75 BENCHMARK 2000m
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CITYCENTA began very awkwardly losing ground before being allowed to stride forward and assume the lead.

GEORGE ALMIGHTY raced keenly through the early stages.

BLUE 'N' GOLD was held up for clear racing room rounding the final bend and in the home straight until the final 100 metres.

GOLD LEAF and **KERRYTOWN LADY** made contact passing the 75 metres.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of **GEORGE ALMIGHTY** rider M Cropp advised that in his opinion the gelding had not backed up from recent racing and also did not handle today's track conditions. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of **GEORGE ALMIGHTY** which revealed no obvious abnormalities.