

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	OTAKI-MAORI RACING CLUB	Date:	Sunday, 5 January 2014
Weather:	Showery/Fine		
Track:	Slow 7		
Rail:	True position		
Stewards:	N Ydgren (Chairman); N Goodwin and B Bateup		
Typist:	P Penketh		

GENERAL:

R Myers did not attend the meeting due to being injured at the Woodville-Pahiatua meeting the day before.
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	VOLGUS; IRISH STRINGS; SIR GUS; POROTENE LOLLIPOP; LANGDON; ANTONIO; DIAMANTINE		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race	7	A & K Sharrock (ZAFRENZY) – failed to declare rider – fined \$50 [Rule 537 (a)]
Warnings:	Race	7	B Murray (CRACKLIN ROSIE) – shifted in when not clear – careless riding [Rule 638 (i) (d)]
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race		
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	1	MELS EVIE – K Myers replaced R Myers (injured)
		2	HENI – K Myers replaced R Myers
		4	NENA GREENA – K Myers replaced R Myers
		5	GAMER ROYALE – J Parkes replaced R Myers
		6	BAYRUM - K Smith replaced R Myers
		7	DONCREST – D Bradley replaced R Myers
		7	CENTRE CROSS – T Russell replaced T Thornton
Late Scratchings:	Race	6	MEIR – at 2.25pm – change of track conditions
		7	HIGH TEC – at 12.40pm - change of track conditions

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	HAUNUI FARM WFA CLASSIC FEBRUARY 22ND HANDICAP
<p>MELS EVIE underwent a veterinary inspection at the barriers and was declared fit to start. When questioned regarding the disappointing run of LUMIERE BLUE, rider R Hutchings explained that the gelding had not been comfortable in the track conditions.</p>	
Race 2	94.3FM THE SOUND OF KAPITI 3YO MAIDEN
<p>HENI began awkwardly and was slow away. IRISH STRINGS raced keenly throughout. Over the final stages, THE QUIET MAN shifted out and bumped with TERSE.</p>	
Race 3	HOROWHENUA SHELTER TRIMMERS MAIDEN
<p>GINA was tightened at the start and got back as a result.</p>	

ALBAKIRKEE was obliged to make the first corner wide.

When questioned into the run of **GINA**, R Hutchings said the mare was unsuited by the track conditions. Trainer J Wheeler advised that he would now give consideration to retiring **GINA**.

Race 4 | **THE PAINT POT HANDICAP**

ELATED was slow away.

When questioned regarding the run of **KAWI**, **J Riddell** said the gelding had not been comfortable in the track conditions, in particular when rounding the bend, at which stage it was taken wider when **BAM A LAM** shifted outwards, but felt the gelding would be improved by the run nonetheless.

Race 5 | **RIVERSTONE CAFÉ HANDICAP**

DELICIANO and **LASSWADE (M Dravitzki)** made contact for several strides at the winning post on the first occasion when **LASSWADE** shifted in. **M Dravitzki** was advised to exercise more care in future than she had done so on this occasion. **LASSWADE** was obliged to race wide without cover until near the 800 metres when it was taken forwards to lead.

DELICIANO was held up for some distance behind the tiring **LITTLE STORM** rounding the final turn prior to gaining clear running near the 400 metres.

LANGDON shifted out under pressure in the home straight before being straightened near the 150 metres.

Apprentice rider **N Teeluck (LANGDON)** was reminded of his obligations with regards to his whip use prior to the 200 metres.

Race 6 | **SPEIGHT'S MAIDEN**

MEIR was a late scratching at 2.25pm due to the change of track conditions.

DURHAM ROSE was crowded between **NORBERT** and **POWERADE** when the start was made.

POWERADE raced keenly in the early stages.

LA CITE shifted out near the 100 metres and bumped with **VENDEMIARE** which was improving to its outside.

Apprentice rider **B Murray** the rider of **NORBERT** was reminded of his obligations with regard to his whip use on a runner out of contention.

A post-race veterinary examination of **NORBERT** which led early and dropped out quickly from the 600 metres failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer M Breslin advised that the gelding would be retired from his stable.

Race 7 | **THE DOMINION POST MAIDEN**

T Thornton did not attend the meeting and was replaced on **CENTRE CROSS** by **T Russell**

HIGH TEC was a late scratching at 12.40pm due to the change of track conditions.

DONCREST was slow to begin.

CENTRE CROSS raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

DIAMANTINE jumped awkwardly and shifted in bumping with **ELROI**.

Apprentice rider **B Murray** the rider of **CRACKLIN ROSIE** was issued with a warning under Rule 638 (1) (d) after he allowed his mount to shift in shortly after the start when not clear of **SCARRED** which was tightened and lost its position. Affected also in this movement was **CENTRE CROSS**.

BUDDY BROKE raced wide throughout in search of better footing.

DIAMANTINE shifted out under pressure in the home straight.

DONCREST raced greenly throughout.