STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Southland Racing Club Date: Monday 17 th February 2014
Weather:	Raining
Track:	Dead 4, Dead 5 prior to Race 1, Dead 6 prior to Race 2, Slow 7 prior to Race 3, Slow 8 prior to Race 5.
Rail:	True
Stewards:	J McLaughlin (Chairman), S Wallis, N McIntyre.
Typist:	B Gutsell.

GENERAL:

All riders underwent work place breath testing prior to their first engagement with all riders returning clear samples. A Morgan did not ride at today's meeting.

Pre-race blood testing was carried out at today's meeting.

Due to the prevailing weather conditions the track was downgraded from Dead 5 to Dead 6 prior to Race 2, to Slow 7 prior to Race 3 and to Slow 8 prior to Race 5.

Rider M Cropp was stood down for his remaining rides from Race 3 onwards by the on course St John Ambulance Paramedics after becoming unwell. See summary for replacement riders.

Stewards opened and adjourned an enquiry to into the start of Race 4.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	CECIL,	THE	BUBBLY ONE, RAW GOLD, THYME ZONE, FOUR GEES, SCARLET BOA, REEVES HALL.
Suspensions: Protests:	Race	3	L Callaway (FINAL WAVE) [Rule 638(1)(d)] Careless Riding 900 metres. Suspended from 18th February until 28 th February inclusive.(3 riding days.) Nil
Fines:	Race	5	S McKay (VARVARA)
Warnings:			Rule 537(a) – Late declaration of rider – Fined \$50. Nil
Bleeders:			Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	4	SHIRLEY BROOK – stood down for 1 satisfactory barrier trial.
Medical Certificates:	M Cro	pp –	Medical Clearance required.
Rider Changes:	Race	3	T Moseley replaced A Morgan on PEAK HOUR .
	Race	4	J Morris replaced A Morgan on HEAVE HO .
	Race	4	J Wong replaced M Cropp on PRODIGE .
	Race	5	D Prastiyou replaced M Cropp on RIKHO .
	Race	6	M Haruki replaced M Cropp on SWEET BUT NEAT.
Late Scratchings:	Race	3	RED DAGGER – track downgrade (1.36pm.)
	Race	4	THE WEDDINGS OFF – veterinary advice (2.50pm.)
	Race	4	THEGREATPICKPOCKET – order of the stewards (2.45pm.)
	Race	4	UNICORN POWER – veterinary advice (2.50pm.)
	Race	4	LA COLLECTABELLE – veterinary advice (2.50pm.)

 Race 6 THE FASCINATOR – track downgrade (3.10pm.) Race 7 ISHIGOLD – track downgrade (3.12pm.) Race 7 LA GIRL track downgrade (3.40pm) 	Race	4	SHIRLEY BROOK – veterinary advice (2.50pm.)
	Race	6	THE FASCINATOR – track downgrade (3.10pm.)
Race 7 LA GIRL track downgrade (3.40pm)	Race	7	ISHIGOLD – track downgrade (3.12pm.)
	Race	7	LA GIRL track downgrade (3.40pm)

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 MITAVITE HANDICAP (2450M)

SKYJAZZ which struck its head in the wash prior to parading underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

HOWLONGDOWEWAIT which struck the fence leaving the birdcage also underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

HOWLONGDOWEWAIT was slow to begin.

UBETCHA raced keenly and wide over the early stages.

TOUGH NUT raced wide from the 1600 metres.

Approaching the 1400 metres **HOWLONGDOWEWAIT** had to steady when becoming awkwardly placed between runners. **SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA** over raced through the middle stages.

TOUGH NUT improved forward from the 1300 metres.

Passing the 800 metres **TOUGH NUT** hung inwards placing the tiring **UBETCHA** in restricted room momentarily. As a consequence of this **REACHFORTHESTARS, SKY JAZZ** and **CECIL** were inconvenienced.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Dead 6.

Race 2 COMCAT PLANT ENHANCER MAIDEN (2100M)

Shortly after the start **OTAUTAHI BOY** and **JOESIF** were placed in restricted room between **ASSASSIN** and **BEEGEEYT**. **OTAUTAHI BOY** and **TULLIBARDINE** raced keenly through the early stages.

ASSASSIN made the bend awkwardly approaching the 1300 metres having to steady off heels.

OTAUTAHI BOY tended to lay out rounding the final bend.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 7.

Race 3 AB LIME MAIDEN (1200M)

RED DAGGER was declared a late scratching at 1.36pm due to the track downgrade.

CRITICAL STRIKE, JIMMY and **ELEGANT CROSSING** were all slow to begin.

Approaching the 900 metres **FINAL WAVE** (L Callaway) shifted in when not sufficiently clear of **THE BELIEVER** (D Bothamley) resulting in this runner having to check. **ELEGANT CROSSING** was also hampered in this incident. After hearing from both riders involved L Callaway was issued with a charge under Rule 638(1)(d) Careless Riding. After viewing replays of the incident and hearing evidence from Mr Bothamley, Mr Callaway and the Stewards the JCA found the charge proved and imposed a suspension of Mr Callaway's riding licence from 18th February until 28th February inclusive. (3 riding days.) Passing the 800 metres **OUR CASTLE** which was laying out began to over race when being steadied and continued to race ungenerously for some distance. **ELEGANT CROSSING** was further hampered as a result.

Race 4

McKNIGHT & BROWN / LUSTY'S JEWELLERS MAIDEN (1400M)

SHIRLEY BROOK became fractious in the barrier and sat down before becoming cast on its back and lashing out. The connections of **SHIRLEY BROOK** were advised the filly was stood down until it barrier trials to the satisfaction of the Stewards on one occasion prior to racing next.

In the interests of safety in particular for the runners adjacent to **SHIRLEY BROOK** Starter Mr K Price then elected to activate the barriers and immediately declare a false start.

As a result **THE WEDDINGS OFF** and **UNICORN POWER** escaped riderless and completed a circuit of the track with **THE WEDDINGS OFF** eventually being recaptured by the clerk of the course.

The rider of THEGREATPICKPOKET (A Frye) lost the use of her irons and completed a circuit of the track .

THEGREATPICKPOCKET was scratched on order of the Stewards.

Stewards requested veterinary examinations of all runners and subsequent to this **THE WEDDINGS OFF**, **UNICORN POWER**, **LA COLLECTABELLE** and **SHIRLEY BROOK** were all late scratched from the event.

THE WEDDINGS OFF, UNICORN POWER and SHIRLEY BROOK sustained minor abrasions in this incident.

R DOHERTY the rider of **SHIRLEY BROOK** was uninjured .

This event was restarted at 2.53 pm.

NEED A WILSON'S was slow to begin.

TAI HO lay outwards rounding the final bend.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 8.

Stewards opened and adjourned an inquiry into the false start.

Race 5 WHITE ROBE LODGE HANDICAP (1400M)

The start time of this event was rescheduled to 3.25 pm due to the incident in the previous race.

FOUR GEES and REGAL RANGER were slow to begin.

ELDANTE began awkwardly.

JOE BONANNO raced keenly over the early stages.

FOUR GEES (S Wynne) made the bend awkwardly passing the 1000 metres placing **LANGHAM LADY** (J Wong) in restricted room to the inside of **I'M VITAL**, resulting in **LANGHAM LADY** being buffeted and having to steady. Apprentice S Wynne was reminded of her obligations to ensure she is sufficiently clear of other runners when shifting ground.

REGAL RANGER raced wide throughout.

FLYING STORM had to steady when racing in tight quarters passing the 800 metres.

Race 6 ANNEDON RACING MAIDEN (1600M)

The start time of this event was rescheduled to 3.55 pm due to the incident in Race 4.

THE FASCINATOR was declared a late scratching at 3.10pm due to the track downgrade.

AREUFORREEL was slow to begin.

THE ROOK was awkwardly placed on the heels of **SWEET BUT NEAT** and had to be restrained shortly after the start. **TOM DOOLEY** and **SCARLET BOA** both over raced in the early stages.

DRESSED 'N' READY raced wide from the 800 metres.

Race 7 RAVELSTON STUD HANDICAP (1600M)

The start time of this event was rescheduled to 4.25 pm due to the incident in Race 4.

ISHIGOLD and LA GIRL were declared late scratching's at 3.12pm and 3.40pm.respectively due to the track downgrade.

MOTORBOAT MIKE shifted outwards shortly after jumping.

HEZA KOOL KAT was slow to begin and over raced near the 1400 metres, when awkwardly placed on heels, getting its head up on a number of occasions.

Near the 900 metres **HEZA COOL KAT** raced keenly for a distance when being steadied off the heels of **PINOT EXPRESS**.