

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Central Otago Racing Club @ Omakau	Date:	28 th February 2014
Weather:	Showery		
Track:	Dead 6/Slow 8/Heavy 10		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), M Davidson, C Allison.		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

<p>Apprentice rider T Direen reported to the Stewards prior to Race 1 that she was feeling unwell. Following an examination by St. John Ambulance Paramedics Miss Direen was stood down from her riding engagements today and advised that a Medical Clearance would be required prior to her riding next. See Summary below for respective riding changes.</p> <p>Following the running of Race 2 several riders expressed concerns with visibility due to the persistent rain and water accumulating on the track. After discussions with the Stewards and Club Officials it was agreed to continue racing and monitor conditions throughout the day.</p>

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	AREUFORREEL, GALLANT RUBY, FINTORRO, I'M MAVERIC, GERVASIO, RED RIPPER, JOSEPHINE BAKER, NOLAWOOD.
Suspensions:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	T Direen – Medical Clearance required.
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race 1 A Frye replaced T Direen (SWELTER). Race 2 J Chong replaced T Direen (GALLANT RUBY). Race 7 C Barnes replaced T Direen (TUTOR).
Late Scratchings:	Race 3 STRAVINSKAYA (12.59pm) – track downgrade. Race 4 BILLY BINGO (12.59pm) – track downgrade. Race 5 FLYING STORM (13.15pm) – track downgrade. Race 5 FIATT (13.57pm) – track downgrade. Race 6 ISHIGOLD (13.15pm) – track downgrade. Race 8 READY TO RULE (13.14pm) – track downgrade. Race 8 PUDDLE ALLEY (13.54pm) – track downgrade. Race 8 WHARE CREEK (14.04pm) – track downgrade.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CLOUSTON CONTRACTING / CENTRAL VETS MAIDEN (2000M)
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GALLANT SATIN and **JAYJAY** both jumped awkwardly and lost ground.

TULLIBARDINE raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Near the 800 metres when the pace steadied **GALLANT SATIN** raced up onto the heels of **BEEGEEYT** and had to be checked.

At the same stage **TULLIBARDINE** had to be steadied away from the heels of **OTAUTAHI BOY**.

Rider J Bates (**HEAVE HO**) advised his mount had failed to handle today's track conditions.

The official track conditions were downgraded to Slow 8 respective to Race 1.

Race 2 | **BREEN CONSTRUCTION / VETLIFE MAIDEN 2YO & UP (1100M)**

WRITTEN IN THE STARS which collided with the birdcage fence prior to its preliminary underwent a prerace veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

The start of this event was delayed due to several runners proving difficult to load.

ROYAL DOLLAR jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards hampering **SAVY SURFER** which lost ground.

COME FLY WITH ME began awkwardly and shifted wider on the track losing ground.

IF YOU DON'T DO IT raced keenly through the early stages. Jockey J Bates reported the gelding commenced to give ground from the 600 metres and in his opinion did not handle today's track conditions.

The official track conditions were downgraded to Heavy 10 respective to Race 2.

Race 3 | **PETER WALSH & ASSOCIATES / Z ALEXANDRA R65 BENCHMARK (1100M)**

HALO FLIGHT was slow to begin.

VALENCIA'S IMAGE jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards.

Apprentice rider B Pitman advised **MAHBEER** had hung out throughout. Trainer M Pitman advised it was his intention to add blinkers to the racing gear of **MAHBEER** in an endeavour to improve the gelding's racing manners.

Rider R Doherty (**VALENCIA'S IMAGE**) reported his mount had failed to handle the Heavy track conditions.

Race 4 | **DUNCAN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES R85 BENCHMARK (1100M)**

Shortly after straightening **THE JESTER** shifted ground inwards momentarily when initially placed under pressure with the whip.

When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **I'M MAVERIC** trainer M Pitman advised the gelding had no luck throughout the running at its previous start and had been checked on several occasions. Mr Pitman further added although it had been a better run than the form line suggests he had not expected **I'M MAVERIC** to win today.

Apprentice rider J Wong (**COAT OF ARMS**) reported his mount was having its first start in seven months and in his opinion will be better suited over more ground.

Race 5 | **SMITH SILAGE CONTRACING R65 BENCHMARK (1400M)**

Due to the persistent heavy rain prior to this race J Bates (**CELTIC BOY**) was granted permission to ride over weight as his riding gear had become saturated.

CELTIC BOY was fractious in the barriers.

WISE GUY began awkwardly and lost ground.

When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **CELTIC BOY** rider J Bates advised the gelding had travelled well throughout however when let down had failed to respond and in his opinion may not have handled the prevailing track conditions.

Race 6 | **FULTON HOGAN ALEXANDRA / TOBY ROBERTSON'S 100th BIRTHDAY R75 BENCHMARK (1400M)**

Shortly after the start **BARBERRY ROZE** and **FRAGRANT** raced tight between **RED RIPPER** and **LA GIRL** which shifted outwards resulting in **FRAGRANT** losing ground.

When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **BARBERRY ROZE** rider D Walsh explained that after being caught in the worst section of the track on the inside the mare had failed to respond when placed under pressure. Mr Walsh added it was the second start back from a spell and in his opinion **BARBERRY ROZE** would gain benefit from the run.

Apprentice R Black rider of **HEZA KOOL KAT** reported her mount had proved disappointing and she was unable to offer any excuses for the performance.

Race 7 | **FARMLANDS ALEXANDRA MAIDEN F & M (1400M)**

THE WEDDINGS OFF which was observed to have a small laceration to its right front leg underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

SO WISE bounded in the air on jumping and lost ground.

TUTOR raced greenly through the early stages.

LIBETTO raced in restricted room passing the 800 metres.

Rider J Bates (**THE MATRIARCH**) advised his mount had pulled hard through the early stages and failed to respond when placed under pressure.

After passing the Winning Post **JOSEPHINE BAKER** blundered when pulling up dislodging rider R Doherty with the trailing **PENTAROSE** being hampered and becoming unbalanced with its rider K C Walters also being dislodged. Both riders were examined by St John Ambulance Paramedics and found to be uninjured in this incident.

Race 8

CROMBIE LOCKWOOD INSURANCE BROKERS R65 BENCHMARK (2000M)

S Muniandy (**YAZOOM**) was granted permission to ride over weight as his riding gear had become saturated.

NANCHO LASS and **DELACROIX** were both fractious in the gates and slow to begin.

Passing the 600 metres **PRESLEY** was steadied when crowded between **NOLAWOOD** which shifted outwards and **YAZOOM** which was taken inwards slightly by **SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA**.