

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	8 th March 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 6		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Zarb (Chairman), C Allison, C Boyd		
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 done.
An enquiry was opened and adjourned into C Johnson's ride on SQUASH in Race 9.

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	COMMANDING OAK, BELLE MIRAAJ, DELZZUP, DRUMREGAL, ANZAC STAR, MADAM VICTORIA, SILHOUETTE NOIRE, MIKABELLA, CHAPEL STAR, LAKOTA.		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race	2	Protest dismissed – SO VITAL (placed second) against BELLE MIRAAJ (placed first)
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race		
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	3	BERENICE – Vet clearance required
	Race	5	COUP DARCI BE – Vet clearance required
	Race	7	SOUBRETTES – Vet clearance required
Medical Certificates:			
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race		
Late Scratchings:	Race	3	BERENICE – on Vet's advice at 12.55 pm
	Race	5	COUP DARCI BE – on Vet's advice at 12.55 pm
Scratching Penalties:			

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	PALAMOUNTAINS ANIMAL NUTRITION RATING 75 2200m
<p>BACK BURNER jumped awkwardly and lost ground.</p> <p>In the early stages SHE'S INSATIABLE and COMMANDING OAK both raced keenly.</p> <p>THE GROOMSMAN was caught wide in the early stages before being taken forward to obtain the lead near the 1200 metres.</p> <p>GOSSIP GIRL improved three wide without cover from the 800 metres.</p> <p>Rounding the home turn and into the early part of the straight BLUE 'N' GOLD was held up when having difficulty obtaining complete clear running.</p> <p>Approaching the 300 metres COMMANDING OAK shifted outwards to obtain clear running momentarily becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of SHE'S INSATIABLE and at the same time carrying GOSSIP GIRL wider on the track.</p> <p>COMMANDING OAK hung outwards thereafter.</p> <p>When questioned in regards to the disappointing performance of CONFUSED rider C Johnson advised his mount had a nice run throughout however when placed under pressure failed to respond. He further advised that he was unable to offer any reason other than the gelding may not have handled today's track conditions. Trainer J Parsons advised it is his intention to</p>	

give the gelding a brief spell.	
Race 2	NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES 2YO BONUS RACE 1100m
<p>Correct weight was delayed when M Pitman trainer of SO VITAL (A Morgan) placed second, lodged an objection against BELLE MIRAAJ (D Bradley) placed first, alleging interference rounding the home turn. After hearing all the evidence it was established that rounding the home turn THEWAYIAM raced tight to the inside of VECTOR CHANGE with both horses coming together near the 350 metres. As a result VECTOR CHANGE shifted outwards slightly and in doing so hampered PRINCESS BROOK which in turn became unbalanced and shifted outwards onto BELLE MIRAAJ which in turn bumped the hind quarters of SO VITAL which momentarily became unbalanced. As such the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared.</p> <p>VECTOR CHANGE began awkwardly.</p> <p>From rounding the home turn until near the 200 metres DRAGONS DEN was held up when it was unable to obtain clear running and was obliged to shift outwards across heels to improve.</p>	
Race 3	STEVEN PRINCE RACING STABLES RATING 75 1200m
<p>BERENICE was examined by the vet prior to the race and was found to be suffering from swelling to the left hind leg and was subsequently withdrawn at 12.55 pm. The connections of BERENICE were advised that a vet clearance would be required prior to racing again.</p> <p>TACTICALL was a little slow to begin and then raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>Shortly after the start KIRKIE and STRIKE UP THE BAND bumped.</p> <p>MR TRIMBOLE and GOLD ROCK raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>Passing the 1100 metres TOMMY TUCKER and GOLD ROCK bumped.</p> <p>TOMMY TUCKER raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.</p> <p>Passing the 200 metres TACTICALL was momentarily held up when racing in tight quarters.</p> <p>When questioned in regards to the disappointing performance of THE GOVERNATOR rider A Morgan advised the gelding raced back in the field as expected however was unable to make up ground in today's conditions. Trainer M Pitman advised that the gelding's best performances have been on firmer tracks.</p>	
Race 4	BONNIE KNIGHTS MOTEL RATING 65 1200m
<p>MASTER CHIEF was a little slow to begin.</p> <p>Approaching the 1000 metres NAVIGATOR was steadied after racing up onto the heels of RAW GOLD which when racing keenly shifted inwards abruptly.</p> <p>ASK ME raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>MILK IT and OUR SANTANA raced wide for the majority of the race.</p> <p>Near the 600 metres NAVIGATOR which continued to race keenly was again steadied away from the heels of MASTER CHIEF which eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of SECRET GURU.</p> <p>Approaching the 300 metres TUG 'O WAR shifted inwards abruptly when its rider apprentice J Chong attempted to use his whip which became entangled in the reins. MEURSAULT which was following was hampered in consequence and obliged to shift outwards.</p> <p>After the race riders B Pitman (ASK ME) and D Bothamley (MILK IT) reported that their mounts failed to handle today's track conditions.</p> <p>When questioned in regards to the tactics adopted on RAW GOLD which led and won at its previous start, rider J Morris explained she was instructed to ride the filly in a forward position. However after RAW GOLD begun moderately, in her opinion, if ridden forward at that stage she may have been caught wide on the track, therefore she elected to take hold and obtain cover closer to the rail. She added after obtaining that position the filly commenced to race greenly and was under pressure for the majority of the race.</p>	
Race 5	NATURAL DESTINY AT CLEARVIEW PARK OPEN SPRINT 1200m
<p>COUP DARCI BE was examined by the vet prior to the race and was found to be suffering from swelling and lameness to the right hind leg and was subsequently withdrawn at 12.55 pm. The connections of COUP DARCI BE were advised that a vet clearance would be required prior to racing again.</p> <p>GO GO DINGO was slow to begin.</p> <p>EL CHICO raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>VALIANT and EL CHICO improved wide rounding the home turn.</p> <p>Passing the 200 metres PINSGOLD shifted outwards across heels to obtain clear running.</p> <p>T Direen rider of VALIANT advised her mount hung out badly from the 700 metres and proved difficult to ride.</p>	
Race 6	NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK AIRFREIGHT STAKES (LISTED) 1400m

Shortly after the 1200 metres **SILHOUETTE NOIRE** steadied when disappointed for a run to the inside of **THE BARMAID**. **OROVELA** which was following was hampered in consequence.

COLONEL ANNE raced in restricted room between the 1200 metres and 1000 metres.

THE BARMAID and **COLONEL ANNE** raced wide for the majority of the race.

Rounding the home turn until near the 300 metres **SILHOUETTE NOIRE** was held up for clear racing room.

K Williams rider of **COLONEL ANNE** reported her mount hung outwards throughout.

When questioned A Frye rider of **OROVELA** advised the filly got back as expected but made continued ground from the 500 metres adding that in her opinion **OROVELA** may be better suited over more ground.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of favoured runner **SOUBRETTES** rider D Walsh advised the filly was able to obtain a soft lead however when placed under pressure failed to respond. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **SOUBRETTES** to be in a very distressed state which required urgent veterinary attention to stabilize the filly. The connections advised it is their intention to run blood tests on **SOUBRETTES** in the immediate future however, irrespective of those results they intend to give the filly a long spell. They were advised a full veterinary clearance including blood results will be required prior to **SOUBRETTES** racing again.

Jockey D Walsh further advised that the tree in his saddle had broken during the running however this did not have any effect on his riding of the filly.

Race 7	SAPERAVI & MINSTREL COURT @ WILLOW GLEN STUD R75 1600m
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The start of this race was delayed as the vet was required to treat a horse from the previous race. After further consultation with the vet who advised he could be tied up with the sick horse for some time, it was agreed to start the race without a vet present behind the barriers.

Shortly after the start **WISEGUY** was steadied when placed in restricted room. **WISEGUY** then raced keenly for some distance thereafter.

FIVE KINGS raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

WISEGUY raced wide throughout.

Between the 500 metres and 400 metres **RYAN JOHN** was held up for clear racing room.

Rounding the home turn **HIT THE BIT** was momentarily held up for clear running before shifting outwards across heels to improve.

FRAGRANT improved wide rounding the home turn.

RYAN JOHN was again held up for clear racing room for a short distance near the 350 metres.

In the straight **FIVE KINGS** hung in and proved difficult to ride.

When questioned in regards to the disappointing performance of favoured runner **WINCHESTER** rider C Johnson advised he had a nice run throughout following the eventual winner of the race. However when placed under pressure the gelding did not respond and in his opinion may not be suited to today's track conditions.

B Tapper trainer of **FIVE KINGS** advised it is his intention to send the gelding for a spell.

Race 8	NATURAL DESTINY AT CLEARVIEW PARK OPEN MILE 1600m
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PARAKETO, **CREDIT CRUNCH** and **DILLINGER** were all slow to begin.

CREDIT CRUNCH was steadied shortly after the start when crowded between **PARNELL PRINCE** and **REVOLUTIONARY** which shifted outwards.

In the early stages **DILLINGER** which was racing keenly became awkward on heels and when being steadied shifted outwards and bumped **CREDIT CRUNCH** on several occasions.

PARAKETO, **CAPTAIN TODD** and **SUCRE** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

SUCRE and **CREDIT CRUNCH** raced wide for the majority of the race.

RIC O'SHEA was held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

D Prastiyu rider of **ORTEM FIRE** advised his mount may not have handled today's track conditions.

When questioned in regards to the disappointing performance of favoured runner **PARAKETO** rider C Johnson advised that his mount raced keenly in the early stages and proved disappointing when let down. Trainer J Parsons advised the gelding had previously proven disappointing on a similar track and further believed the pace of the race did not suit **PARAKETO**. A subsequent veterinary inspection revealed no obvious abnormalities.

Race 9	WHITE ROBE LODGE RATING 65 1600m
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ALYSSA BELLE jumped awkwardly shifted inwards and bumped **NORAH**. As a result **RED BULL** and **ISHIGOLD** which were racing to the inside of **NORAH** were both hampered and lost ground.

POLLY'S SISTER, **NORAH** and **RUBY'S ROSE** all raced keenly in the early stages.

BARBERRY ROZE raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

KEYNOTE and **LAKOTA** improved wide rounding the home turn.

Passing the 300 metres **ELDANTE** which was weakening had to be steadied when momentarily crowded by **RED BULL** (K Williams) which shifted inwards to obtain clear running. K Williams was advised to exercise more care in similar

circumstances.

C Barnes rider of **RUBY'S ROSE** advised in her opinion the mare did not handle today's track conditions.

Stewards questioned C Johnson in regards to his ride on **SQUASH**, in particular his lack of vigour over the final 400 metres.

Rider C Johnson advised after picking the field up near the 450 metres in his opinion the gelding struggled in today's track conditions when placed under pressure. Stewards adjourned the enquiry until such time they are able to view the gelding's previous form and review the evidence put forward.