

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Otago Racing Club @ Cromwell	<b>Date:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2014
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Good 3		
<b>Rail:</b>	True		
<b>Stewards:</b>	M Zarb (Chairman), C Allison, C Boyd		
<b>Typist:</b>	M O'Brien		

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

All riders were breath tested prior to commencing their riding engagements.

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

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	AVECHII, THEGREATPICKPOCKET, PETTY LANE, FIATT, MAHBEER, GOSSIP GIRL, LAMAZE, FRAGRANT.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race
<b>Protests:</b>	Race
<b>Fines:</b>	Race
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 2 T Direen – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Race
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race 6 MR KIRK – racing performance warning
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	App T Direen – Medical Clearance provided from Omakau 28-02-2014
<b>Rider/Driver Changes:</b>	Race 4 D Prastiyou replaced A Edmeads ( <b>SAPERAVIOUS</b> )
	Race 8 T Direen replaced A Edmeads ( <b>THE GALLANT GIRL</b> )
<b>Scratching Penalties:</b>	

## RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>CROMWELL PROMOTIONS/CROMTRANS MAIDEN 1220m</b>
<p>JIMMY, D'RUPEE and ÉCLAIR CHOCOLAT were all slow to begin.</p> <p>AVECHII, OUR CASTLE and ÉCLAIR CHOCOLAT all raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>Near the 800 metres OUR CASTLE steadied momentarily when placed in restricted room to the inside of THE BELIEVER.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of AVECHII trainer J McKay explained that on the 5<sup>th</sup> February the gelding was having its first start back from a spell and blew out after the race. He added at Omakau on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February AVECHII failed to handle the track conditions and although he expected it to race better today he was surprised by the win.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>CROMWELL NEW WORLD MAIDEN 1400m</b>
<p>LA COLLECTABELLE dislodged its rider on route to the barriers however was captured shortly after with both rider and horse being passed fit to race.</p> <p>THE FASCINATOR raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>Passing the 1000 metres THE FASCINATOR shifted inwards and hampered MY CHINO.</p> <p>Stewards enquired into the reason why C Barnes (SHIRLEY BROOK) was dislodged near the 500 metres and THE ROOK (A Edmeads) and LA COLLECTABELLE (D Prastiyou) fell. After hearing evidence it was established that approaching the 500 metres GALLANT ROSE (T Direen) commenced to give ground and SHIRLEY BROOK which was following clipped the heels of GALLANT ROSE, blundered and dislodged its rider. THE ROOK and LA COLLECTABELLE both of which were following</p>	

**SHIRLEY BROOK** were unable to avoid the falling rider and horse and as such fell and dislodged their riders. In this incident **MY CHINO**, **THE GREAT PICK POCKET** and **SATIN GURU** were all hampered in consequence. Apprentice A Edmeads was transferred to hospital for observation and apprentice riders C Barnes and D Prastiyou were passed fit to continue with their remaining engagements. Near the 250 metres **MY CHINO** had to be steadied when crowded for room between **THE FASCINATOR** and **GALLANT ROSE** (T Direen) which shifted outwards. Apprentice T Direen was issued with a warning.

**Race 3** | **WINE TAP PUBLICANS CUP HANDICAP 1400m**

Due to the fall in the previous race the start of this race was delayed approximately three and a half minutes. **CREDIT CRUNCH** raced keenly in the middle stages and approaching the 200 metres had to be steadied when unable to obtain clear running and was obliged to shift out to improve. **KEEP THE COURAGE** improved wide rounding the home turn.

**Race 4** | **SKY CITY QUEENSTOWN RATING 65 1400m**

**WISEGUY** was a little slow to begin. **GERVASIO** jumped awkwardly and then raced wide throughout without cover.

**Race 5** | **ANGUS CAMERON MACDONALD MEMORIAL RATING 65 1220m**

**LICKWISH** and **KILLA QUESTION** raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Near the 800 metres **STRAVINSKAYA** was steadied when racing keenly with rider T Direen reporting that **STRAVINSKAYA** overreacted after being crossed for the lead. T Direen also reported that **STRAVINSKAYA** hung throughout the race placing her in difficulty. When questioned into the reason why **ALOTTATOW** tailed the field in the early and middle stages apprentice rider C Barnes explained that the gelding had previously raced forward on slow tracks. However at its most recent start when the gelding won it raced further back in the field when on a good track. She added after beginning moderately today **ALOTTATOW** was placed under pressure a long way out however was unable to maintain its position due to the fast pace in the early stages. The gelding continued to make up ground from the 400 metres and in her opinion finished the race off nicely and will be better suited over more ground.

**Race 6** | **CAPTAINS CHOICE RATING 65 2030m**

**SKY JAZZ** through its rider D Bothamley in the preliminary. **SKY JAZZ** was subsequently examined by the veterinarian and cleared to race. Shortly after the start **MISS THREE STARS** was buffeted between runners. **MISS THREE STARS** raced wide without cover until near the 800 metres. **MR KIRK** commenced to give ground shortly after the 700 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer E Winslow was unable to offer any reasons for the poor performance and advised he intends to discuss the gelding's racing career with the owners in the near future. Mr Winslow was advised a racing performance warning has been placed on **MR KIRK**. J Bates, rider of **MAYFLOWER** reported his mount proved disappointing however was unable to offer any tangible excuse. A post-race veterinary examination ordered, however the horse had left the course prior to examination. Trainer K Rae will be spoken to at a later date. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **GOSSIP GIRL** trainer M Pitman advised that at the mare's most recent run at Omakau she was caught in the worst section of the track and was unable to finish the race off and in his opinion he is better suited when able to make a long sweeping run which she did today.

**Race 7** | **CLAAS OTAGO HARVEST CENTRE HANDICAP 2030m**

**KING PRAWN** underwent a pre-race veterinary examination which found minor lacerations to the left hind leg however the gelding was passed fit to race. **CARNIVA BOY** jumped awkwardly. **LAMAZE**, **BRAGGING RIGHTS**, **MONACHEE** and **ESPRIT D'OR** all raced keenly in the early stages. **KING PRAWN** raced wide without cover for the majority of the race. Approaching the 400 metres **LAMAZE** was steadied when held up for clear running. Approaching the 250 metres **LAMAZE** and **MOTORBOAT MIKE** raced in tight quarters when both horses improved into the same running. Between the 250 metres and 150 metres **BRAGGING RIGHTS** had to be checked when unable to obtain a clear run before shifting outwards to improve. Rider D Walsh (**KING PRAWN**) reported he had some concerns with the gelding's respiratory during the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities. Connections advised it is their intention to get the gelding

scoped.

**Race 8**

**PAUL FERRIS MEMORIAL RATING 75 1400m**

**MIKABELLA** jumped awkwardly.

Shortly after the start **ISHIGOLD** shifted inwards to obtain a position closer to the rails.

**MAGIC EPIC** and **GINTY'S CHOICE** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**THE GALLANT GIRL** raced wide without cover throughout.

**MIKABELLA** improved wide rounding the home turn.

In the run to the line **FRAGRANT** and **MAGIC EPIC** shifted outwards under pressure.

**PATRICE** hung outwards in the straight and proved difficult to ride.