

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Ashburton Racing Club	Date:	Friday 4 th July 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Slow 8		
Rail:	Out 3 metres for the final 800m		
Stewards:	N Ydgren (Chairman), J McLaughlin & S Wallis		
Typist:	M Harris		

GENERAL:

After his ride in Race 3, D Bothamley was examined by St Johns medical officers who cleared him to take his ride in Race 5.

SUPPLEMENTARY

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	WINDWHISTLE, ABSOLUTION, GIVE ME A REASON, DRUMREGAL, DOUBLE BLUE, DR DEE BEE, TALLYHO TUI, LAMAZE, LOVIN CONNECTION		
Suspensions:	Race 1	M Haruki (UMSHINI WAMI)	[Rule 638(1)(d)] - Careless riding at the 400m – admitted. Suspended from 4 July 2014 up to & including 28 July 2014 (4 days).
	Race 3	C Spittles (CZARISTA)	[Rule 638(1)(d)] – Careless riding at the 900m – admitted. Suspended from 4 July 2014 up to & including 20 July 2014 (2 days).
Request for a JCA	Race 5	GAME OF THRONES (J Bates)	[Rule 632] – Denied a fair start. Declared a non-runner.
Ruling:			
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race		Nil
Bleeders:	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 5	LA CROUPIER	– Barrier manners warning.
	Race 5	CAILEAG	– Must trial satisfactorily on two occasions prior to resuming.
Medical Certificates:	J Chong – clearance received.		
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race		Nil
Late Scratchings:			Nil
Scratching Penalties:	n/a		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	PLUMBING WORLD ASHBURTON RATING 75 (2100m)
<p>WINDWHISTLE shifted outwards and made an awkward beginning resulting in the gelding contacting the barrier and losing ground.</p> <p>UMSHINI WAMI travelled keenly throughout with rider M Haruki improving the gelding forwards to lead near the 1400 metres when having difficulty restraining the horse.</p> <p>Racing past the 800 metres ENCHANTER made contact with the running rail.</p> <p>Passing the 400 metres ENCHANTER was briefly disappointed for clear racing room when positioned to the inside of UMSHINI WAMI which had shifted inwards.</p> <p>Stewards questioned riders K Williams (ENCHANTER) and M Haruki (UMSHINI WAMI) regarding this incident and after considering their explanations issued apprentice rider M Haruki with a charge under Rule 638(1)(d). The details of which</p>	

were that he had permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of ENCHANTER and therefore ridden carelessly. M Haruki assisted by trainer Mr K Hughes admitted the charge and after viewing the films and hearing submissions on penalty the JCA imposed a suspension upon his licence for four riding days up to and including the 28th July 2014.

When questioned with regard to the improved performance of winner **WINDWHISTLE** co-trainer W Coles explained the gelding had appreciated today's improved track conditions.

Race 2	VICTORY LIME RATING 75 (1600m)
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BURSTING STONE began awkwardly and shifted outwards just after the start bumping with **REDESDALE**. **PHEASANT** was slow in the initial stages.
LAKOTA and **EL BEE DEE** were both inclined to lay inwards under pressure throughout the final straight.

Race 3	PAUL SUMMERFIELD PLUMBING MAIDEN (1200m)
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The start was delayed due to **KILMARNOC** proving difficult to load.
PENNY A THOUGHT began awkwardly and lost several lengths.
DOMINATOR made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly which cost the gelding several lengths.
DANSKE IN TIME and **SPIDER LILY** raced wide throughout.
CZARISTA had difficulty obtaining clear racing room in the early and middle stages of the run home.
Approaching the 200 metres **PENNY A THOUGHT** had to shift ground outwards in order to continue to improve.
Stewards investigated an incident near the 900 metres when **CHAPELLE D'OR** (R Black), **GILD THE LILY** (J Morris) and **SPIDER LILY** (S Kelly) all had to be steadied when crowded for racing room to the inside of **CZARISTA** (C Spittles) which was improving down the track. After considering the explanations of riders R Black, J Morris, S Kelly and C Spittles, Stewards issued Miss Spittles with a charge under Rule 638(1)(d). The details of which alleged that she had permitted her mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear. Miss Spittles admitted the breach and after viewing the films and hearing submissions on penalty the JCA suspended her licence to ride for two days up to and including the 20th July 2014.

Race 4	TREMBATH PLUMBING RATING 75 (1200m)
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JACKSANFIVES began awkwardly and as a consequence lost ground in the early stages.
CHEEKY TART was crowded on jumping between **GEE TEE EM** and **TACTICALL** which both shifted ground.
TURQUOISE raced wide throughout and hung outwards under pressure for the final 400 metres.
CHEEKY TART had some difficulty obtaining clear racing room in the early stages of the run home.
HI YO KO lost a near hind plate during the running.
Stewards investigated an incident near the 900 metres where **DOWRA** (S Kelly) appeared to lose its footing when positioned to the inside of **SNOW LINE** (K Williams) and **JAZZMAN** (A Morgan). After speaking with all riders involved Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied a riding offence had occurred and took the matter no further.
When questioned regarding the performance of **TACTICALL** rider R Hannam could offer no tangible excuse and in his opinion felt the mare may appreciate more ground.

Race 5	RURAL TRANSPORT MAIDEN (1400m)
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LA CROUPIER began badly and caused rider T Direen considerable difficulty in the early stages. Stewards advised Trainer C Spittles that a warning had been placed on the filly's barrier record.
CAIRNSVILLE and **BELLALEAH** were crowded over the early stages when racing between **DOUBLE BLUE** and **CAILEAG** which both shifted ground. As a result of this **CAIRNSVILLE** blundered when contacting the heel of **CAILEAG** which briefly unbalanced rider D Walsh.
THE VANDAL raced wide and without cover throughout.
CAILEAG hung outwards through the middle stages with the mare running off at the 600 metres when no longer able to be controlled by rider M Cameron. As a result of this **WILD BILL** was taken wider on the track and inconvenienced by having to shift ground inwards to improve near the 400 metres. Stewards advised the connections of **CAILEAG** that the mare must trial satisfactorily on two occasions before being eligible to return to the races.
When questioned, Rider C Barnes advised that after receiving some pressure in the early stages, **CATALAN KING** raced lethargically throughout and had disappointed her with its efforts.
The right gate on stall two failed to latch at the start and partly closed back onto **GAME OF THRONES** who was checked and lost considerable ground. After reviewing the films with rider J Bates Stewards sought a Ruling from the JCA under Rule 632 to declare **GAME OF THRONES** a non-starter. The JCA after considering submissions declared this horse a non-starter.

Race 6	RD PETROLEUM WINTER CUP TRIAL OPEN HANDICAP (1400m)
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Prior to this event the gates underwent repairs and were confirmed to be working correctly.
UNBELIEVEABELLE was slow to begin settling at the rear of the field.

ASHBURN LANE skied its head as the start was effected and made an awkward beginning.

ASHBURN LANE raced keenly with its head up over the early stages.

Approaching the 900 metres **COMANCHE GOLD** which was over-racing was shifted outwards by rider D Walsh which caused **JACK'S RUN** to race wider on the track for a short distance. This also resulted in **CONSCIOUS MISTAKE** having to be steadied off the heels of **JACK'S RUN**.

PENNYS FROM HEAVEN was eased out of the race near the 200 metres. When questioned regarding this rider L Callaway explained the mare had felt indifferent in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of **PENNYS FROM HEAVEN** revealed a minor laceration to a hind fetlock. Stewards will follow up the recovery of this horse in the coming days.

When questioned regarding the seemingly disappointing performance of **IRISH BAY** rider C Barnes explained the mare had travelled well throughout but disappointed her with its efforts when asked to respond in the final 400 metres. The connections advised the mare would undergo an endoscopic examination in the coming days and would notify Stewards of anything which may come to light as a result of this examination.

Race 7	A TEAM CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATION RATING 65 (1400m)
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Nearing the 1100 metres **GOOGLE ME** which was racing keenly had to be steadied outwards after becoming awkwardly positioned close to the heels of **D'CHAPARRAL**.

Race 8	ROBBIES BAR AND BISTRO ASHBURTON OPEN HANDICAP (2100m)
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CONFUSED was examined by the vet prior to racing and cleared to race.

CRYSTAL DUKE was fractious in the barriers and required the assistance of the barrier attendants which caused a delay to the start of this race.

CRYSTAL DUKE had some difficulty maintaining its position with the field between the 600 metres and the 400 metres.

BELLE D'OR was disappointed for clear racing room in the early and middle stages of the run home and had to shift outwards at the 200 metres to improve.

When questioned regarding the seemingly disappointing performance of **ADDITUP** rider C Barnes advised the gelding was not suited to the holding track conditions.

Race 9	P & T PLUMBING RATING 65 (2100m)
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BRAEHILL shifted in after jumping and bumped with **HAILES ABBEY**.

BRAEHILL, **FLIRTATION** and **HAILES ABBEY** all raced wide over the early stages with **FLIRTATION** continuing to race wide and without cover until the 1600 metres.

FORGOTTEN HERO improved wide from the 1400 metres.

When questioned with regard to the seemingly disappointing performance of **GREY TOM** rider M Haruki advised the gelding performs best in looser footing.