

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Canterbury Racing	Date:	Saturday, 2 nd May 2015
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead (5)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	R Neal (Chairman), J McLaughlin, M Davidson and R Quirk		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

Pre-race blood testing was carried out at this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	FIVE KINGS, PLATINUM COMMAND, MONTRACHET, STARLIGHT ANGEL, PAT IN BRACKETS, PEACH COVE, SPIKER, WILD BILL, SAPERAVIOUS, SUCRE, OVERTHERIVER, DALWHINNIE		
Suspensions:	Race	2	D Bothamley (ASSASSIN) [Rule 330(3)(c)] – Unable to make contracted weight – Suspended 3 May to 15 May (inclusive) – 2 riding days
		9	R Hutchings (THE DIAMOND ONE) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Careless riding 400 metres – Suspended 10 May to 20 May (inclusive) – 5 riding days
Fines	Nil		
Protests:	Race	3	ANGEL FALLS 2 nd v MONTRACHET 1 st -Dismissed
Warnings:	Race	4	A McKay (NATKINGCOLE) [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] – Excessive use of the whip prior to the 200 metres
		4	M Haruki (DOUBLE BLUE) [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] – Excessive use of the whip prior to the 200 metres
		5	C Barnes (COULEE) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 450 metres
		6	K Williams (WHATASTAR) [Rule 638(3)(b)(i)] – Use of the whip on a runner out of contention
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	2	ASSASSIN – R Doherty replaced D Bothamley (overweight)
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	MID WINTER CHRISTMAS RACES JUNE 20 PREMIER (1200m)
FASTFOOT and MEURSAULT were slow to begin. SNOW LINE shifted out on jumping and hampered WEDGIE . SOMETHING BURNING raced keenly in the early stages.	

WEDGIE hung outwards passing the 500 metres and ran wide entering the final losing ground and proving difficult to control.

VICTORY DRAGON had difficulty finding clear running in the early part of the final straight.

Apprentice rider **S Wynne** (**WEDGIE**) was spoken to and advised she must modify her whip action when riding out.

When questioned regarding the performance of **VICTORY DRAGON**, rider D Walsh could offer no tangible excuse.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **JAZZMAN**, apprentice rider A Morgan advised that the gelding had been unsuited to being taken on in the lead, and in her opinion, was better suited when able to obtain an uncontested lead.

A post race veterinary inspection of **WEDGIE** revealed mild lameness in the left hind leg.

Race 2	RACECOURSE HOTEL & MOTOR LODGE PREMIER (1600m)
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D Bothamley was unable to make the contracted weight for **ASSASSIN** and was replaced by R Doherty.

D Bothamley admitted a resultant charge of Rule 330(3)(c) and after consideration the Judicial Committee suspended his licence to ride in races for 2 days effective 3 May to 15 May inclusive.

PUTT FOR CASH was slow to begin.

ASSASSIN shifted out on jumping and hampered **GALAXY GARDEN** and **PLATINUM COMMAND**.

TANTELLA raced wide in the early stages.

ZHANIM raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

KODEMA raced wide throughout.

ASSASSIN was held up for a short distance rounding the final bend.

PLATINUM COMMAND lay in passing the 400 metres, becoming awkwardly placed near the heels of **TIPILK** and had to be straightened.

Race 3	NZ TAX REFUNDS PREMIER (1600m)
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WESTERN WARRIOR got its head up and raced ungenerously for a short distance when being retrained to trail near the 1000 metres.

STONEMASON raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

DRUMGOLD raced wide throughout.

ANGEL FALLS lay out passing the 400 metres, bumping with **MONTRACHET**. **MONTRACHET** in reaction lay in and brushed with **ANGEL FALLS**. **MONTRACHET** and **ANGEL FALLS** brushed again on two occasions passing the 350 metres and near the 50 metres **ANGEL FALLS** lay out again and brushed with **MONTRACHET**. Following the race D Champion, the trainer of 2nd placed **ANGEL FALLS**, lodged a protest against the winner **MONTRACHET** alleging interference in the final straight. After consideration the Judicial Committee dismissed the protest.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of favoured runner **STEELFIX**, rider K Myers could offer no tangible excuse.

VANQUISHED lost the left front plate during the running.

A post-race veterinary inspection of **PERFECT PROSPECT** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 4	NORWOOD FARM MACHINERY PREMIER (1400m)
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The start of this race was officially delayed 2 minutes as a result of the protest in the previous race.

YEAH SISTER was slow to begin.

VAPORETTO was restrained to the rear on jumping.

STARLIGHT ANGEL and **LIFE'S IN A SPIN** were obliged to steady shortly after leaving the barriers when inside **NATKINGCOLE** which was taken in by **WHY WAIT** (K Williams) which shifted in. Rider K Williams was reminded of her obligations with respect to shifting ground.

NINE PIN improved onto the heels of **WHY WAIT** near the 900 metres and had to be restrained.

HANDSOME DAX had to shift ground outwards passing the 250 metres to improve.

JAKOB GAMBINO raced wide throughout.

Apprentice riders **A McKay** (**NATKINGCOLE**) and **M Haruki** (**DOUBLE BLUE**) were both issued with warnings under Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) in regard to their use of the whip prior to the 200 metres.

Race 5	DAVID EMERSON ACCOUNTANT & BUSINESS CONSULTANT PREMIER (1200m)
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PAT IN BRACKETS was slow to begin.

END OF THE WORLD was hampered on jumping when **BORN HAPPY** shifted outwards.

DUNOON, **COFFEE** and **PEGGY'S CHOICE** both raced keenly in the early stages.

SPRINGWATER was tightened and lost ground passing the 450 metres when between **COULEE** (C Barnes) and **KING KAHUNA**. After questioning riders and reviewing video footage it was established that simultaneously to **COULEE** attempting to shift ground out and improve, **KING KAHUNA** had been crowded inward by **DUNOON** which lay in rounding the turn. Apprentice C Barnes was issued with a warning and advised she must ensure she is clear when shifting ground.

PAT IN BRACKETS and **BACK IN THE DAY** made contact passing the 300 metres.

SPRINGWATER was then held up for some distance and only obtained clear running near the 250 metres.

PEGGY'S CHOICE raced in restricted room for a short distance passing the 200 metres.

KING KAHUNA was not persevered with over the final stages and finished well back.

When questioned, apprentice rider R Hutchings reported he believed something was amiss with the gelding. A post-race veterinary inspection of **KING KAHUNA** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities, however trainer L Didham advised that the gelding would undergo further tests early in the week and he undertook to advise the Stewards of the results. **BACK IN THE DAY** had difficulty finding clear running throughout the final straight.

Race 6	BERKLEY STUD CHAMPAGNE STAKES (1200m)
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CONTEND was hampered shortly after the start between **SPIKER** and **WHATASTAR** which shifted ground. **SPIKER** raced keenly in the early stages. **SON OF MAHER** shifted out under hard riding passing the 400 metres, bumping with **HAPI ASSASSIN**. **SON OF MAHER** and **HAPI ASSASSIN** bumped and jostled for some distance thereafter. **SON OF MAHER** and **HAPI ASSASSIN** came together again near the 200 metres and made firm contact. **K Williams** (**WHATASTAR**) was issued with a warning under Rule 638(3)(b)(i) for unnecessary use of the whip on a runner out of contention. C Johnson reported that **DEZZIES DREAM** raced greenly throughout and lay out across the crossing.

Race 7	NZI GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP (2500m)
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EVA KEENEVA bounded as the start was effected and became unbalanced and further bounded shortly after and settled back. **WILLY DUGGAN** and **YAZOOM** were both slow to begin. **MR NOBODY** raced wide through the middle stages. **THE BISHOP** became awkwardly placed on the heels of **MISS THREE STARS** passing the 400 metres when **MISS THREE STARS** momentarily lay inwards. **THE BISHOP** lay in for the majority of the final straight. **WILLY DUGGAN** lay outwards near the 100 metres becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **KINGS PAL** which was laying inwards under hard riding. A short distance further **KINGS PAL** (D Bradley) lay in, resulting in **WILLY DUGGAN** contacting a heel and becoming unbalanced. D Bradley was advised to exercise care. **EVA KEENEVA** lay in throughout the final home straight. Stewards questioned apprentice riders E Power (**TALLYHO TUI**) and B Murray (**PUDDLE ALLEY**) in regard to the tactics adopted in the middle stages where both horses established a significant margin on the field. Miss Power explained that **TALLYHO TUI** is best suited when running freely in the lead, however today had failed to come off the bridle due to **PUDDLE ALLEY** placing pressure throughout. Apprentice B Murray in explanation stated he had been instructed to ride **PUDDLE ALLEY** aggressively as the connections were of the view that the gelding was one paced. Stewards advised apprentice B Murray, in the presence of his employer Mr M Stokes, that in their opinion he had erred on this occasion, in that while he had been instructed to pursue **PUDDLE ALLEY** throughout, it was not necessary for him to continually apply pressure to the leader given the tempo in the middle stages.

Race 8	ANGUS MEATS PREMIER (1600m)
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TACTICALL was slow to begin. **HURIKIN** commenced to over race shortly after leaving the barriers and near the 1300 metres raced ungenerously when steady. **HURIKIN** continued to over-race for some distance. **TIMY TYLER** raced fiercely in the early stages. **ASH** got its head up on a number of occasions in the early stages when over-racing. **TIMY TYLER** raced wide for the majority of the race. **TACTICALL** raced keenly passing the 1000 metres. **CHEESE MAKER** was held up in the early part of the final straight and only obtained clear running passing the 150 metres. **CAPO** was held up passing the 600 metres until near the 100 metres. When questioned regarding the run of **SILHOUETTE NOIRE**, rider R Myers could offer no tangible excuse. When questioned regarding the run of **ASH**, apprentice rider C Barnes reported that the mare had been inclined to over race in the middle stages and had nothing left when pressured over the final 400 metres. When questioned regarding the run of **SIR SINGO**, apprentice rider R Hutchings reported that the gelding is better suited to more rain affected going.

Race 9	SPEIGHT'S MID ALE GREAT EASTER STAKES (1400m)
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TOMA VALEA and **HOMELAND** were slow to begin. **ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA** began awkwardly and got back. **TOMMY TUCKER** began awkwardly and lost ground. **ANGELICA HALL** raced keenly in the early stages and near the 1000 metres got its head up when being restrained; shortly after **ANGELICA HALL** had to check away from the heels of **IRISH EXCUSE** (K Williams) which ducked in abruptly when being taken forward. This was deemed beyond the control of Miss Williams. **HEXIE HAO** raced wide throughout. **KING MONTROSE** over-raced for a short distance passing the 1000 metres. **TOMA VALEA** raced keenly when being restrained off heels near the 1000 metres. **THE DIAMOND ONE** (R Hutchings) shifted outwards under pressure passing the 400 metres and near the 350 metres dictated **KING MONTROSE** out into the line of **IRISH EXCUSE** which in turn was taken out onto the heels of **ANGELICA HALL**. In consequence **IRISH EXCUSE** was checked and lost momentum. Apprentice R Hutchings admitted a resultant breach of

Rule 638(1)(d) in that he shifted ground when not clear. After consideration the Judicial Committee suspended R Hutchings' licence to ride in races for 5 days from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 9 May up to and including racing on 20 May. **TOMA VALEA** was held up for clear running in the early part of the home straight, and was taken inward near the 250 metres to obtain clear running.

Race 10	NRM PREMIER (2000m)
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DALWHINNIE jumped out at the start hampering **TAKE FIRE**.

TUTOR lay out leaving the barriers taking **SATIN GURU** out onto the heels of **DALWHINNIE**, resulting in **SATIN GURU** blundering and losing momentum.

DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE was slow to begin.

DALWHINNIE and **TUTOR** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

UMSHINI WAMI raced four wide in the early stages before being taken forward passing the 1000 metres to race adjacent to the leader.

LAKOTA was held up entering the final straight and only obtained clear running passing the 200 metres.

TAKE FIRE lay in under pressure passing the 250 metres dictating **LAKOTA** inward into the line of the weakening **DELACROIX** which was hampered.

DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE was held up in the early part of the home straight.

Rider D Walsh was struck in the eye with a clod near the 500 metres which significantly impaired his vision and this affliction resulted in him being unable to ride **TRICIA'O** to full advantage over the final stages. D Walsh was treated by St John medical personnel following the race.