

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Tuesday 4 th November 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead 5 Downgraded to Slow 7 retrospective to Race 8		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and 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 carried out at this meeting.

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

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	KINA WIN, SOFIA LOREN, QUERER, INCLUDE, HEXIE HAO, COUP DARCI BE, JAKOB GAMBINO, TRICIA'O, KARAKA JACK.		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race	6	P Shaikh (COUP DARCI BE) – Rule 638 (2) – making a celebratory gesture fined \$75
Warnings:	Race	2	C Barnes (COULEE) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 300 metres
	Race	7	D Prastiyau (ALESSIO) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding 900 metres
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	3	TAPPY'S BEST - must barrier trial
Medical Certificates:	Received clearing T Direen to ride.		
Rider Changes:	Race		
Late Scratching:	Race	3	TAPPY'S BEST – on vet's advice
	Race	9	GOLDEN CASTLE – by order of the Stewards
	Race	9	ASSASSIN – by order of the Stewards

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BUILDSMART DUNEDIN RATING 75 2200m
<p>FLY ME TO DA MOON began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with DELACROIX.</p> <p>ADDITUP raced wide throughout.</p> <p>KINA WIN lay in passing the 250 metres and had to be straightened.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the improved performance of KINA WIN trainer representative J Dalton advised the Stewards that the gelding has had a change in its training regime and had appreciated the Dead 5 footing of the today's track.</p>	
Race 2	JONATHAN ALGIE MEMORIAL RACE MAIDEN 1200m
<p>SETARIME began awkwardly shifting out abruptly and crowding THUNDER HALO who lost ground.</p> <p>RUB IT IN was restrained shortly after the start when awkwardly placed on heels.</p> <p>THEWAYIAM got its head up when being steadied through the early stages.</p> <p>SETARIME had to be steadied when racing keenly and awkwardly placed on the heels of COULEE which was being steadied to take a position passing the 1000 metres.</p> <p>TANTELLA, RUB IT IN, MASTERZED and THUNDER HALO all raced keenly through the early stages.</p> <p>SOFIA LOREN, THEWAYIAM and I'M SO VAIN raced wide throughout.</p>	

COULEE (C Barnes) lay out passing the 300 metres and shifted out resulting in **RUB IT IN** having to be steadied. C Barnes was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d).

THUNDER HALO raced greenly over the concluding stages and passing the 200 metres had to be steadied when momentarily crowded by **MASTERZED** which shifted in looking for clear racing room.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **MASTERZED** rider R Black advised the Stewards that the gelding was returning from a spell today and believed he would appreciate more ground.

Race 3	WIDE SPAN SHEDS OTAGO RATING 65 1200m
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TAPPY'S BEST dropped its rider in the preliminary and was recaptured a short time later and cleared to start by the Club's veterinarian. Rider R Cuneen was uninjured in the incident.

TAPPY'S BEST was late scratched on vet's advice at 1.59 pm after becoming very fractious in its stall at the start and attempting to escape underneath the gates. This caused the start to be delayed by approximately six minutes. The connections of **TAPPY'S BEST** were advised that the gelding must trial to the Stewards' satisfaction before racing again.

KILLA QUESTION began awkwardly and was slow through the early stages.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **KILLA QUESTION** rider D Walsh advised the Stewards that the gelding would appreciate more moisture in the track.

Race 4	ARTHUR BARNETT/BRENT WEATHERALL JEWELLER R75 1200m
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KELTIC KITTY began awkwardly, shifted out and hampered **WINCHESTER** who lost ground at the start.

KOSTALOT bounded at the start and was slow through the early stages.

Passing the 900 metres **RORIPPA** had to steady when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **GOLD ROCK** who was taken in slightly by **ARN'T I CHOICE**.

Also at this point **MAGIC EPIC** got its head up when racing fiercely and had to be steadied for some distance.

KELTIC KITTY improved wide from the 900 metres.

FIVE KINGS made the final bend awkwardly and lay outwards onto **RORIPPA**.

KELTIC KITTY lay inwards in the early part of the run home placing **ARN'T I CHOICE** in restricted room momentarily at the 250 metres.

A Morgan (**KELTIC KITTY**) was shown a replay of the concluding stages reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out fully to the finish when circumstances permit.

When spoken to regarding the performances of favoured runner **AGNUS BROWN** rider T Direen advised the Stewards that she believed the mare had resented the tongue control bit which had been applied today for the first time.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **RORIPPA** rider R Cuneen advised the Stewards that he had a nice trip throughout however when placed under pressure in the final straight the mare had lay in and disappointed from that point.

Race 5	ABC BUSINESS SALES OPEN HANDICAP 1400m
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GO GO DINGO bounded at the start and lost ground.

FASTFOOT raced wide throughout.

OUR BEE JAY was held up for the majority of the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 50 metres.

EL CHICO was also held up early in the run home and again at the 200 metres having to shift ground outwards at the 100 metres to find clear racing room.

RIDLEY shifted in under pressure over the final 50 metres momentarily crowding **FIATT**.

EL CHICO lost both front plates during the running.

Race 6	DUNEDIN CASINO TROPHY RATING 85 1200m
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COUP DARCI BE began awkwardly shifted in and made contact with **CONSCIOUS MISTAKE** resulting in both these runners losing ground.

MILO got its head up in the early stages when being restrained to take a position.

COUP DARCI BE had to be steadied when passing the 800 metres when racing keenly.

Rider **P Shaikh** (**COUP DARCI BE**) admitted a breach of Rule 638(2) when making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post and was fined \$75.

Race 7	OFFICIAL AFTER PARTY AT THE RA BAR WITH ZM R65 1400m
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The start of this event was delayed six minutes due to the horses arriving late at the start area.

EMILIO was slow to begin.

YOUNG JIM was slow through the early stages.

MACAN and **JIMMYTOSHES** both began awkwardly.

Passing the 1200 metres **ALESSIO** (D Prastiyou) shifted in making contact with **MACAN** with both horses becoming momentarily unbalanced. **ALESSIO** again shifted in passing the 1000 metres placing **MACAN** in restricted room. Rider D

Prastiyou was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding. **ALESSIO** was then obliged to race wide throughout.

Passing the 900 metres **LIFE'S IN A SPIN** and **LUCKY NEMO** both raced in restricted room to the inside of **READY TO RULE** which was awkwardly placed on the heels of the runner in front.

Passing the 800 metres **DRUMGOLD** had to steady momentarily when **JAKOB GAMBINO** improved forwards and inwards. Also having to steady at this point was the trailing **MOVIDA**.

A hind bandage on **MACAN** came loose and was dislodged in the run home.

LUCILLE was held up for the majority of the run home only finding clear racing room inside the 150 metres.

SNEAKY FEELINGS shifted out abruptly at the 100 metres making firm contact with **ALESSIO**.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **YOUNG JIM** rider C Johnson could offer no tangible excuses.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **MOVIDA** rider T Moseley advised that he had travelled well but the mare had failed to let down in the final straight believing she may not have handled the looser nature of the track with the recent rain today.

Race 8	MIKE PERO MORTGAGES MAIDEN 1600m
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WHATWASTHAT blundered at the start and lost ground.

BROTHER BOWMAN raced wide throughout.

OWE THE RANSOM raced keenly passing the 1000 metres and had to be steadied off heels.

ULTRASONIC lay out on the final bend shifting wider on the track.

TRICIA'O lay in throughout the concluding stages and passing the 200 metres shifted in making contact with **PADDYBLACK**.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **WHATWASTHAT** rider L Callaway advised the Stewards that after blundering at the start and getting further back than anticipated the gelding had only battled fairly over the concluding stages and had been slightly disappointing.

Stewards ordered a post-race examination of **OWE THE RANSOM** which gave ground over the concluding stages and finished a distant last. The subsequent examination revealed no abnormalities.

Following the running of this race the track was downgraded to a Slow 7.

Race 9	WASTE MANAGEMENT NZ LTD RATING 75 1600m
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The start of this event was delayed approximately 11 minutes when the outside set of 6 gates unexpectedly opened after one of the runners loaded in this section became fractious. **GOLDEN CASTLE** whose rider was not on board escaped riderless. **ASSASSIN** and **OOR WULLIE** both with riders in the saddle also jumped away from the barriers. **OOR WULLIE** was quickly restrained and checked by the Club's veterinarian and cleared to start. **GOLDEN CASTLE** completed a full circuit of the track and was late scratched by the Stewards. **ASSASSIN** could not be restrained by rider J Morris and completed a circuit of the track. **ASSASSIN** was also late scratched by order of the Stewards. Starter P Kennedy undertook to carry out some checks on the starting mechanism which opens the outside set of 6 gates.

KIRKIE and **ARISTA** were both slow to begin.

NEWS FLASH raced wide without cover.

SIR AMRON lay out from the 500 metres making the final bend awkwardly.

SIR AMRON was held up inside the final 200 metres only gaining clear racing room in the shadows of the post.

Passing the 150 metres **ARISTA** shifted in to find clear racing room and in doing so made contact with **NORAH**.

KEYNOTE was held up in the initial part of the run home.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **NORAH** rider T Direen advised the Stewards that the mare had been slightly disappointing in today's second up run but believed she would derive benefit from it.