

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	9 th April 2015
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Dead 4		
Rail:	Out 3 metres		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J Oatham and N Ydgren		
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)

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	TEDESCO, PUDDLE ALLEY, WHISKEY BOLERO, KAKAPO, SOMETHINGS BURNING, NORAH,		
Suspensions:	Race	5	A Edmeads (THE GALLANT GIRL) – Rule 636(1)(d) – careless riding – suspended 12 April 2015 to the 24 April 2015 inclusive (3 days)
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race	3	R Bishop (WHISKEY BOLERO) – shifting ground when not clear 900 metres
Bleeders:	Race	3	RESILIENCE – 3 month stand down
Horse Actions:	Race	3	FRESHMAN – full veterinary clearance and satisfactory trial required
	Race	3	POPEYE DOYLE – full veterinary clearance and satisfactory trial required
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race		Nil
Late Scratching:	Race		Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	WILD RANGE PHOTOGRAPHY MAIDEN 2200m
<p>JAMIE LEE was slow to begin.</p> <p>TEDESCO had to be restrained passing the 1000 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of ZIMMER.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of CHATTER rider B Murray advised that the mare got its tongue over the bit but could otherwise offer no excuses.</p>	
Race 2	WILLOW GLEN STUD @ SOUTH ISLAND SALES RATING 75 2200m
<p>HIGH FORTY began awkwardly and was then crowded for room when LORD YARBOROUGH shifted out abruptly at the start.</p> <p>STORM HOME raced wide through the early stages.</p> <p>PUDDLE ALLEY and HIGH FORTY both raced keenly passing the 1000 metres due to the easing of the pace.</p> <p>HIGH FORTY had to steady passing the 500 metres when awkwardly placed on the heels of HARRY HILL.</p> <p>Passing the 250 metres SQUASH made contact with HARRY HILL when shifting off heels to find clear racing room.</p>	
Race 3	MARK ISAACS FARRIER MAIDEN 1200m
<p>POPEYE DOYLE and STAGE DOOR were slow to begin.</p> <p>WANDERIN STAR shifted out at the start making contact with FRESHMAN who was buffeted.</p>	

POPEYE DOYLE raced awkwardly through the early stages.

Passing the 900 metres **VELVET ROSE** was crowded and had to steady when **WHISKEY BOLERO** (R Bishop) crossed forward to lead. This resulted in the trailing **HOME MADE HALO** also having to be steadied at this point. R Bishop was issued a warning.

POPEYE DOYLE continued to race ungenerously when being restrained making the bend passing the 850 metres. It was reported by its rider to have raced ungenerously throughout.

WANDERIN STAR raced wide throughout.

POPEYE DOYLE and **FRESHMAN** tailed the field throughout and were eased down over the concluding stages by their riders. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of both horses which revealed both to have slow recovery rates and high heart rates. Stewards advised trainer S McGarry both horses needed full veterinary clearances and both horses needed to be competitive at trials before returning to the races.

Stewards questioned apprentice rider E Power regarding her ride on **WANDERIN STAR**. Of particular concern to the Stewards was her lack of vigour early in the run home. Miss Power advised that she had been advised to ride handy to the pace and after being trapped wide early had travelled comfortably in about fifth spot. She added that on straightening she believed she was still travelling well but needed to nurse the mare to the top of the rise in the straight before asking her mount for a full effort. Stewards advised Miss Power that she had made an error of judgement on this occasion and that she should have been riding with more vigour early in the run home and would be expected to show better judgement in the future.

The connections of **RESILIENCE** reported to the Stewards that after returning to the stalls the mare had bled and would now be retired from racing.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **HOME MADE HALO** rider D Prastiyoun advised the Stewards that he believed the gelding was looking for firmer footing and more distance.

Race 4	WHITE ROBE LODGE 3YO MAIDEN 1200m
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THE KING shifted outwards at the start and bumped with **ROCK SOLID**.

MIDNITE CONFESSION was slow to begin.

ON THE RISE got its head up and raced keenly in the early stages.

ELUSIVE PETE raced wide and keenly in the middle stages.

KAKAPO raced wide throughout and lay inwards on the final bend and continued to do so throughout the final straight.

ROCK SOLID and **ON THE RISE** brushed passing the 200 metres.

Race 5	DALE HORRELL FARRIER RATING 75 1200m
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MASTER CHIEF was slow to begin.

WERRIBEE who was racing keenly had to be steadied at the 900 metres when **MELS EVIE** crossed to lead where he continued to race keenly through the middle stages.

THE GALLANT GIRL improved wide from the 600 metres.

THE GALLANT GIRL (A Edmeads) lay inwards throughout the run home and passing the 50 metres shifted in crowding **WERRIBEE** who had to be checked and was forced in onto **MELS EVIE** who was also crowded and had to be steadied. Rider C Johnson (**WERRIBEE**) reviewed replays of this incident before deciding not to proceed with a protest. Apprentice rider A Edmeads admitted a charge of careless riding under Rule 636(1)(d). After viewing the films and hearing submissions the JCA suspended Miss Edmeads licence to ride from the end of racing on 11 April 2015 up to the end of racing on 24 April 2015 (3 days).

Passing the 75 metres **NEWS FLASH** lay in making contact with **SOMETHINGS BURNING**.

Race 6	MORE FM DUNEDIN RATING 85 1400m
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A BOB SHORT who was racing free of interference lost its footing on the bend near the 800 metres when being restrained. This resulted in the trailing **NORAH** also having to be steadied to take evasive action with the rider reporting her mount had felt unsure of its footing at this point as well.

JACK'S RUN was unable to gain clear racing room until passing the 100 metres.

Following the running of this race Stewards, jockeys, trainer and club reps carried out a track inspection at the area of the 800 metres which revealed some signs of movement. After a meeting of the inspection committee a consensus could not be reached resulting in the Stewards requesting a ruling from the JCA under Rule 902(1) that the meeting be abandoned due to the uncertain nature of the track. After deliberation the JCA ruled the remainder of the meeting be abandoned.