

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Riverton Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 4 th April 2015
Weather:	Showery		
Track:	Dead 6 / Slow 7 after Race 1.		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and C Allison		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL:

Due to the abandonment of the races at Randwick the scheduled start time for the last three races was adjusted by request of the TAB as follows: Race 9 - 4.53pm. Race 10 - 5.33pm. Race 11 - 6.06pm.
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:		YEAH SISTER, OPERA KNIGHT, SQUID ROE, RUMPELSTILTSKIN, BACK IN THE DAY, THE KNIGHT, SUCRE, MISS THREE STARS, SUREASYOUWEREBORN, FIVE KINGS, TAKE FIRE.
Suspensions:	Race	
Protests:	Race	
Fines:	Race	
Warnings:	Race	5 C Johnson (DANCE) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Careless riding 275 metres.
Bleeders:		
Horse Actions:	Race	6 MAGIC EPIC – must barrier trial.
	Race	8 NO ROSETTES – veterinary clearance required.
Late Scratchings:	Race	2 THE WEDDINGS OFF – veterinary advice at 11.07am.
	Race	4 SINGLE SPICE – track downgrade at 12.36pm.
	Race	10 THE GALLANT GIRL – track downgrade at 1.02pm.
Medical Certificates:		T Direen – medical clearance received.
Rider Changes:		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	INSURANCE BROKERS ALLIANCE HANDICAP (1600M)
<p>MISSCATTLECREEK and TUTOR both shifted ground outwards at the start losing ground. Passing the 1500 metres DOCTOR EDEN who was racing keenly had to be restrained when JOE BONANNO shifted in. DOCTOR EDEN continued to race keenly through the early stages. MISSCATTLECREEK raced wide throughout. LA MUSIQUE was held up by the tiring O'LOUGHLIN for some distance passing the 500 metres. LA MUSIQUE continued to be held up only gaining clear racing room inside the final 300 metres. KEEP HER SECRET was held up on the final bend and continued to be held up in the home straight until shifting ground outwards to find clear racing room passing the 200 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of LA MUSIQUE rider S Wynne advised she had been held up on the final bend and early in run home however when placed under pressure the mare had failed to respond and was disappointing. Apprentice rider Miss C O'Beirne reported to the Stewards that NURMI had lay in throughout the running and when placed</p>	

under pressure in the final straight the gelding had failed to respond.

DOCTOR EDEN underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be suffering a cut to a hind leg consistent with being galloped on during the running.

Following the running of this event the official track conditions were downgraded to Slow 7.

Race 2	SUPER LIQUOR LORNEVILLE & FARMLANDS MAIDEN (1400M)
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THE WEDDINGS OFF was declared a late scratching at 11.07am on veterinary advice.

TIGER BAY and **SATIN JITTERBUG** were both slow to begin.

OPERA KNIGHT and **MISS FORTUNE** made contact on jumping.

SO VITAL began awkwardly.

TIGER BAY shifted out abruptly when making the crossing at the 1200 metres.

SATIN JITTERBUG had to be steadied passing the 1100 metres when racing keenly.

MISS DOLLY raced wide throughout and passing the 1000 metres had to steady when **RISKY FLIGHT** who was improving forward shifted in.

SATIN JITTERBUG who was still racing keenly had to steady off heels passing the 800 metres.

OPERA KNIGHT lay out throughout the home straight when leading.

CONCEAL (J Lowry) shifted in passing the 275 metres crowding **SALLY GETCHA GUN** which had to steady momentarily.

Apprentice Lowry was shown a replay and advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

When questioned regarding the performance of **LOTTERIO** rider C Johnson advised that in his opinion the gelding was not suited by the prevailing track conditions.

When questioned regarding the performance of **COUNTRY LAD** rider R Bishop advised the gelding had raced greenly throughout.

Race 3	NATURAL DESTINY@CLEARVIEW PARK EXCELLENCY STAKES (1100M)
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IFF YOU CAN was slow to begin.

SQUID ROE made the bend awkwardly approaching the 400 metres when angling wider on the track.

SQUID ROE who was laying in, shifted in and had to be straightened at the 50 metres.

Race 4	WORLD SOLAR HANDICAP (1200M)
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SINGLE SPICE was declared a late scratching at 12.36pm due to the track downgrade.

JAKOB GAMBINO was slow to begin.

TINKA TINKA and **AVECHII** both raced keenly through the early stages with both runners racing wide throughout.

Passing the 700 metres **WESTERN TAP** (T Direen) had to be severely restrained when crowded for room between **TAP OUT** (L Callaway) and **RUMPELSTILTSKIN** (J Lowry) resulting in the trailing **THEM OR US** and **STRIKE UP THE BAND** both having to be steadied. **ELUSIVE CATCH** also had to be steadied at this point. After interviewing the riders concerned and viewing the Stewards footage it was established that **TAP OUT** who was laying out made the bend awkwardly and shifted out simultaneously as **RUMPELSTILTSKIN** shifted ground inwards causing **WESTERN TAP** to be steadied. Stewards were of the opinion that no one rider was careless however both apprentice rider J Lowry and rider L Callaway were advised to exercise care.

ELUSIVE CATCH raced greenly over the concluding stages.

Race 5	MY DAD THINKS HE'S FUNNY HANDICAP (1200M)
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DHAULAGIRI began awkwardly and lost ground as a result.

DELIRIUM raced fiercely through the early stages, throwing its head in the air on a number of occasions when being restrained off heels.

BORN HAPPY, **DANCE**, **THE ENERGIZER** and **DELIRIUM** all raced wide throughout.

BACK IN THE DAY improved wide from the 500 metres.

DANCE (C Johnson) shifted in under pressure passing the 275 metres crowding **NORTHERN TAP** in onto **PATRICE** and **DRUMGOLD** with these three runners being buffeted for a stride. C Johnson was issued with a warning to ensure he straightens his mounts as early as possible.

MASTER CHIEF who was held up passing the 250 metres shifted ground inwards abruptly crowding **KILLA QUESTION** for a stride. **KILLA QUESTION** was then held up some distance and went to the line untested by its rider.

DRUMGOLD raced in restricted room for some distance passing the 200 metres.

DHAULAGIRI was held up for the majority of the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 100 metres.

BACK IN THE DAY lay in over the concluding stages.

BORN HAPPY was placed in restricted room in the shadows of the post and had to be steadied.

Race 6	WAI AU HOTEL APARIMA HANDICAP (1200M)
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There was a delay to the start when **I'M MAVERIC** which was fractious in its stall momentarily got its leg caught in the front gate. **I'M MAVERIC** underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

MAGIC EPIC refused to jump on terms with the remainder of the field then reared shortly after the start losing approximately fifteen lengths. The connections of **MAGIC EPIC** were advised the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing next. Trainer J Dalton advised the Stewards **MAGIC EPIC** would now be sent for a spell.

IRISH EXCUSE became awkward in its action passing the 600 metres losing some momentum.

EL CHICO improved wide rounding the final bend.

IRISH EXCUSE lay in under pressure passing the 250 metres and had to be straightened with the rider swapping the whip to the left hand.

EL CHICO lay in throughout the final straight with its rider also having to change whip hands.

HOMELAND shifted out abruptly in the shadows of the post.

IRISH EXCUSE underwent a post-race veterinary examination and was found to have suffered abrasions to the right hind leg consistent with being galloped on during the running.

Race 7	BUPA CARE SERVICES FRANCOLIN STAKES (1400M)
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NORAH underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after losing some skin in the float on route to the races and was cleared to start.

BRAH SPRING and **TACTICALL** were both slow to begin.

MISS ALICE raced wide through the early stages.

SAPERAVIOUS lay in throughout the run home and could not be ridden to full advantage over the concluding stages.

BRAH SPRING was reported by its rider not to have handled today's track conditions.

Race 8	DT KING TRANSPORT LTD OTAITAI BUSH HANDICAP (2147M)
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THE GROOMSMAN and **GUNNA FLY** were both slow to begin.

THEGREATPICKPOCKET raced fiercely through the early stages and then keenly through the middle stages.

SIR AMRON also raced keenly through the early stages and got its head up on a number of occasions when being steadied.

DELACROIX raced wide for the majority of the event.

THE GROOMSMAN lay in throughout the run home.

MOTORBOAT MIKE shifted in under pressure throughout the run home and passing the 50 metres made contact with **WILD BILL**.

Following the running of this event **NO ROSETTES** was lead from the track by its rider with a subsequent veterinary examination revealing the mare to have suffered an injury to its left front flexor tendon. The connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **NO ROSETTES** racing next with trainer J Gordon advising the mare would now be retired as a racing proposition.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **LADY PLATINUM** apprentice rider C O'Beirne advised the mare had failed to handle the Slow 7 track conditions.

Race 9	CARRIERS ARMS HOTEL RIVERTON CUP (2147M)
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BLUE 'N' GOLD underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after losing some skin in the float on route to the races and was cleared to start.

There was a delay to the start of this event due to a mechanical issue with the outside set of starting gates which resulted in the field being late to load. Due to this mechanical issue both sets of gates had to be manually operated. Following the running of this event repairs were completed on the gates which were fully operational for Race 10.

PETER PARROT bounded at the start.

THYME ZONE began awkwardly with **KING PRAWN** being slow to begin.

Passing the 2000 metres **OUR BEE JAY** who was racing keenly shifted out dictating **BRAGGING RIGHTS** out onto **THE BISHOP** with all these runners being buffeted for a stride.

MISS THREE STARS raced keenly and became awkwardly placed on heels in the early stages and had to be steadied when making the bend by the 1700 metres.

THE BISHOP and **BRAGGING RIGHTS** raced wide throughout.

KING PRAWN and **THYME ZONE** both raced wide from the 800 metres.

Passing the 600 metres **MISS THREE STARS** had to be steadied outwards when awkwardly placed on the heels of **NO EMOTION**. This resulted in **BRAGGING RIGHTS** being crowded and having to steady when **THYME ZONE** also shifted in at this point.

Passing the 250 metres **KING PRAWN** shifted out dictating **MISS THREE STARS** out onto **OUR WULLIE** with both these runners being buffeted for a stride.

THE BISHOP lay in throughout the run home and raced in restricted room for several strides passing the 100 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **MY CHINO** rider C Johnson was of the opinion the mare

may have felt the effects of recent racing.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **THE BISHOP** rider D Walsh advised the gelding had missed a run last week and this may have contributed to the battling performance today.

Race 10	EWAN ALLAN HONDA FAIRFAX HANDICAP (1400M)
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THE GALLANT GIRL was declared a late scratching at 1.02pm due to the track downgrade.

DON'TLIKEMONDAY began awkwardly and lost ground.

FIVE KINGS bounded shortly after the start and got back as a result.

WERIO shifted out abruptly at the start crowding **CLEM** who lost ground.

A BEAUTIFUL KNIGHT and **HIGH RISE** both raced keenly through the early stages.

Race 11	ELMWOOD CATERING & SPEIGHTS POURAKINO HANDICAP (1600M)
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FOUR GEES was crowded shortly after that start and lost ground.

THE FASCINATOR raced keenly and skied its head on a number of occasions through the early stages.

RIKHO was held up in the early part of the run home and shifted ground inwards near the 150 metres to find clear racing room.

When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner **THE FASCINATOR** rider C Johnson advised the mare had only battled over the concluding stages and in his opinion missing a race the previous week may have contributed to the below par effort today.

When questioned regarding the performance of **INDIANA PEARL** rider L Callaway advised that after improving to challenge on the inside in the final straight the filly had only battled over the concluding stages when placed under pressure and was disappointing.

When questioned regarding the improved performance of **GOOGLE ME** rider R Doherty advised he had been instructed to ride the gelding handier today and he believed this and the softer nature of the track may have contributed to the better showing.