

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Ashburton Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Good (3)		
<b>Rail:</b>	True		
<b>Stewards:</b>	R Neal (Chairman), J McLaughlin and M Davidson		
<b>Typist:</b>	C McMullan		

## GENERAL:

A selection of runners were pre-race blood tested.

Apprentice T Direen became unwell after arriving on course and was stood down from her engagements at today's meeting.

## SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	TANTELLA, RED DIRT GIRL, CINDERELLA, SOUTHERN SAV, JIP JOP SHOP, HE'S GOLD, OUR PREMONITION, PRINCE RANSOM		
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil		
<b>Fines</b>	Race	4	<b>M &amp; M Pitman</b> (SOUTHERN SAV) [Rule 616(4)] – Presenting horse with side blinkers instead of the declared blinkers - \$50 fine
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil		
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil		
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil		
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race	1	<b>GAME OF THRONES</b> – Warned racing manners
		1	<b>LADY EM</b> – Veterinary clearance required prior to racing next
		3	<b>ULTIMATE MANEUVER</b> – Warned racing manners
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	<b>T Direen</b> – Medical clearance required		
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Race	2	<b>MELS EVIE</b> - K Williams replaced T Direen (unwell)
		4	<b>EVANCHO</b> - C Barnes replaced T Direen
		5	<b>JIP JOP SHOP</b> – R Cuneen replaced T Direen
		6	<b>GALLANT BABE</b> – C Barnes replaced T Direen
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Race	2	<b>DOUBLE BLUE</b> and <b>BIDDEDO</b> (Non-starters)

## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	SOUTH ISLAND SEED DRESSING & STORAGE MAIDEN (1600m)
<p><b>SHE'S RIVETING</b>, <b>TOMMYRA</b> and <b>PERFECT JAZZ</b> were slow to begin.</p> <p><b>GAME OF THRONES</b> commenced to race fiercely shortly after the start, and approaching the 1400 metres got its head up proving difficult to control, shifting out hampering <b>METHVEN RUMOURS</b> which lost ground. <b>GAME OF THRONES</b> then hung for the remainder. Stewards placed a warning against the racing manners of <b>GAME OF THRONES</b>.</p>	

<p><b>MASTERZED</b> raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p><b>TANTELLA</b> raced wide in the early and middle stages.</p> <p><b>SHE'S RIVETING</b> had to be restrained when awkwardly near the heels of <b>OTAUTAHI BOY</b> near the 900 metres with <b>SHE'S RIVETING</b> then being held up passing the 600 metres until near the 250 metres.</p> <p><b>TOMMYRA</b> was held up passing the 600 metres until near the 300 metres.</p> <p><b>MASTERZED</b> was steadied about the 350 metres.</p> <p><b>LADY EM</b> was reported to have been galloped on during the running. A post-race veterinary inspection revealed a laceration to the off hind leg. The connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>CONTINUOUS ACCOUNTING RATING 75 (1200m)</b>
<p>T Direen was replaced by K Williams as the rider of <b>MELS EVIE</b> due to the unavailability of a similarly claiming apprentice rider.</p> <p>As the start was effected the barrier stalls for <b>DOUBLE BLUE</b> and <b>BIDDEDO</b> failed to open on terms with the remainder of the field and in consequence both runners were slow to begin, losing several lengths. Following the race Stewards filed a Request for a Ruling in relation to this matter, seeking that <b>DOUBLE BLUE</b> and <b>BIDDEDO</b> be declared non-starters as a result of the barrier malfunction. After consideration the JCA declared both <b>DOUBLE BLUE</b> and <b>BIDDEDO</b> non-starters.</p> <p><b>DILLINGER</b> began awkwardly and shifted in bumping with <b>IRON WORKER</b></p> <p><b>GUNNADO</b> over raced badly in the lead throughout.</p> <p><b>RIVERTAIN COUP</b> had to steady momentarily near the 700 metres when awkwardly near the heels of <b>MELS EVIE</b>.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of <b>RIVERTAIN COUP</b>, rider M Cameron reported that the mare had been out paced in the middle stages and in his opinion may have been feeling the firm nature of today's track.</p> <p>Rider D Walsh reported that <b>COUP ROTORUA</b> displaced the near front plate during the running which in his view had placed the gelding at a disadvantage.</p> <p>A post-race veterinary inspection of <b>BIDDEDO</b> which appeared awkward in its action over the concluding stages and finished last did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.</p> <p>Remedial work was carried out on the barriers prior to Race 3.</p>	
<b>Race 3</b>	<b>NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE F&amp;M MAIDEN (1200m)</b>
<p><b>MIROPIKO</b> underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was cleared to race.</p> <p><b>ALACRIA</b> and <b>NO RETREAT</b> were slow to begin.</p> <p><b>ALACRIA</b> went off stride near the 1000 metres and lost several lengths.</p> <p><b>KASUNDI</b> raced wide throughout.</p> <p><b>ULTIMATE MANEUVER</b> lay outwards passing the 800 metres proving difficult to control and then ran wide entering the final straight losing contact. A warning was placed against the racing manners of <b>ULTIMATE MANEUVER</b>.</p> <p><b>SO VITAL</b> had to be restrained off heels for some distance passing the 600 metres.</p> <p><b>ROMAN GODDESS</b> raced greenly throughout the final straight.</p> <p><b>MIROPIKO</b> raced greenly over the concluding stages.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of <b>ALACRIA</b>, rider D Bradley reported that the filly, which was having its first start, had raced erratically throughout.</p>	
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>NIAGARA TIMBER PRODUCTS RATING 65 (2100m)</b>
<p><b>SQUASH</b> which was fractious in the barriers underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection and was cleared to race.</p> <p><b>SCHEME</b> raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p><b>EVIDENCE</b> got its head up when over racing passing the 1700 metres.</p> <p><b>SUDDEN SAV</b> improved wide from the 1000 metres.</p> <p><b>SCHEME</b> had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.</p> <p>Rider D Walsh reported that <b>HYDRAULIC</b> made respiratory noises during the running. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.</p>	
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>DAIRY BUSINESS CENTRE MAIDEN (1400m)</b>
<p><b>PEGGYS CHOICE</b> shifted in on jumping, dictating <b>MR MOONLIGHT</b> inward into the line of <b>DOMINATOR</b> which in turn hampered <b>SHARP BLADE</b>.</p> <p><b>REQUEST</b> failed to jump on terms losing several lengths.</p> <p><b>DOMINATOR</b> raced wide throughout.</p>	
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>THE LAKE HOUSE RESTAURANT AND BAR RATING 65 (1400m)</b>
<p><b>LUKANDER</b> was slow to begin.</p> <p><b>SOUTHERLY CHANGE</b> raced wide through the early stages.</p> <p><b>LUKANDER</b> lay in throughout the run home, with the rider using the whip in the left hand.</p> <p><b>GALLANT BABE</b> had difficulty finding clear running in the final straight.</p> <p><b>CRYSTAL FOX</b> was held up over the final stages.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of <b>LUKANDER</b>, rider D Walsh reported that the gelding had been out paced for the majority of the event and after making marginal ground rounding the final turn then lay in under pressure and could not be ridden to full advantage. Rider D Walsh added in his opinion <b>LUKANDER</b> is best suited to more ground at this stage of its preparation.</p>	

Stewards questioned apprentice D Prastiyou with regard to his riding of **RAVELLO** over the final 300 metres of this race. In particular his failing to pressure **RAVELLO** near the 200 metres after the horse obtained a position adjacent to the leader at that point. In explanation D Prastiyou stated his instructions were to save the gelding for one final run as it had developed a tendency to relax if it reached the lead. Apprentice Prastiyou then stated that **RAVELLO** had been travelling well early in the early and middle stages of the final straight however had failed to let down as anticipated when placed under pressure passing the 200 metres.

When questioned, trainer D Crozier confirmed the instructions given to Apprentice Prastiyou and further stated that **RAVELLO** has a propensity to switch off after reaching the lead and he also was disappointed in the way that the gelding had found the line.

The inquiry was adjourned so that Stewards could review **RAVELLO'S** previous race starts.

When spoken to regarding the improved performance of **HE'S GOLD**, trainer D Champion advised that the gelding had missed the jump at its first start for the stable which had proved detrimental and additionally he had added hock boots to help the gelding's racing manners.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>BRENT READ RETIREMENT OPEN HANDICAP (1400m)</b>
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**EMERALD QUEEN** began awkwardly and lost ground.

**DR DEE BEE** jumped in at the start crowding **IRISH BAY** in onto **PINSGOLD**, with **IRISH BAY** losing ground.

**KEEPA TRAMP** had to steady shortly after leaving the barriers when in restricted room.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>HINDS RIDGE &amp; FRASER ROAD FARMS WITH LAMAZE R65 (1400m)</b>
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**LICKWISH** (J Lowry) was crowded and lost ground near the 1300 metres when improving to the inside of **ONTARIO** (D Walsh). Also affected was **TRUTH** which had to steady. After questioning Apprentice Lowry and D Walsh it was established that **ONTARIO** had begun a movement inward simultaneously as **LICKWISH** had commenced to over-race and improve into a position close to the heels of **ONTARIO**. Stewards deemed no further action appropriate in the circumstances.

**LIGHTNING LUCY** and **ONTARIO** raced wide throughout.

**ONTARIO** gave ground over the concluding stages. When questioned regarding the run of **ONTARIO**, rider D Walsh reported that the gelding had travelled poorly throughout and he could offer no excuses. A post-race veterinary inspection of **ONTARIO** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

When questioned regarding the performance of **FOUR SEAS**, rider D Prastiyou reported that the mare was out paced throughout.

**DUNROAMIN** which was observed to have blood present in its mouth on return to the birdcage underwent a veterinary inspection which revealed a minor laceration.