

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Friday 26 th December 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good 3		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), S Renault 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)

TAPANUI RACING CLUB AT GORE SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2014

Stewards spoke with co trainer J Parsons about the performance of his racing team at this meeting. In particular concern was the below expectation performance of favoured runners **LOTTERIO**, **SEEKING REDEMPTION** and **MARIA SANTOS**. Mr Parsons advised he had taken blood samples from some of his runners from Tapanui which had returned normal results. All horses that raced at Tapanui had returned to the stable in good condition. As far as **SEEKING REDEMPTION** was concerned he believed the gelding had been tripped up by the slow track. As for the performance of the other runners the only excuse he could offer was the possibility that the 8 hour float trip the day before the races may have taken its toll on his runners. He further added that most of his runners from Tapanui would carry on in their current campaign.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	VELOCCI, RAPT, BERENICE, QUERER, MADAM BENTLEY, TOMA VALEA, VALIANT, SUREASYOUWEREBORN, PRINCE RANSOM, TO THE MAX, LUCILLE.		
Suspensions:	Race		Nil
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race		Nil
Bleeders:	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	8	KATIES DIAMOND - Must barrier trial twice
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	9	L McKay replaced A Morgan as the rider of COMMANDING OAK
Late Scratching:	Race		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE 800m
<p>LITTLE LYLIE shifted out abruptly at the start hampering ALYTH who lost ground. When being straightened LITTLE LYLIE overreacted and shifted in abruptly losing ground.</p> <p>Passing the 150 metres ALYTH lay in momentarily crowding MISS JUNEAU who lost some momentum.</p> <p>Rider D Walsh reported ILIKAI had lay out in the run home and could not be ridden to full advantage.</p>	
Race 2	WAL'S PLANT LAND MAIDEN 1400m
<p>The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes when several runners proved difficult to load.</p> <p>TEDESCO was slow to begin and FAST EDDIE SLEVIN began awkwardly and was slow through the early stages.</p> <p>QUARTET shifted out at the start hampering VOUSSOIR which lost ground.</p> <p>GALLANT SATIN was squeezed between runners at the start also losing ground.</p> <p>SETARIME raced keenly through the early stages.</p> <p>Approaching the 1000 metres FOREVER VITAL shifted in making contact with CLEO LAYNE who was unbalanced</p>	

momentarily.

WHATWASTHAT raced wide throughout.

FAST EDDIE SLEVIN had to be steadied as the pace eased passing the 1000 metres.

SETARIME made the bend by the 850 metres awkwardly losing some momentum.

CLEO LAYNE was held up in the early part of the run home.

GALLANT DEFENDER who was laying in shifted in passing the 100 metres placing **SETARIME** and **DOMINATOR** both in restricted room for several strides. **DOMINATOR** was then held up and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

FOREVER VITAL who was laying in shifted inwards in the shadows of the post and had to be straightened.

Passing the 50 metres **RAPT** shifted in marginally placing **QUARTET** in restricted room. **QUARTET** then had to steady when **KASUNDI** shifted out marginally in the shadows of the post. The connections of the fourth placed horse **QUARTET** viewed replays of the final stages before deciding not to proceed with a protest.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **QUEENOFTHSTONEAGE** rider T Moseley advised the mare had an economical run throughout and had been in a challenging position at the 200 metres however had only battled over the concluding stages. Mr Moseley added that he believed **QUEENOFTHSTONEAGE** would appreciate a track with more moisture in it.

Race 3	SPEIGHTS R75 1400m
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MISS ALICE began awkwardly throwing its head in the air.

GALLANT RUBY raced wide throughout.

FIVE KINGS which was racing keenly threw its head in the air when being steadied off heels for a distance between the 800 metres and 600 metres.

FIVE KINGS was held up for several strides passing the 200 metres.

Passing the 200 metres **MITCHAM** (C Spittles) who had just taken a marginal run to the outside of **WHY WAIT** (K Williams) shifted in under pressure making contact with **WHY WAIT** who was buffeted. As **MITCHAM** was being straightened **LA GIRL** (T Moseley) shifted in under pressure resulting in crowding to both **MITCHAM** and **WHY WAIT** with all three runners being buffeted, unbalanced and losing momentum. The trailing **DON'TLIKEMONDAY** was also hampered in this incident and had to shift ground outwards at the 150 metres to find clear racing room. After interviewing the riders involved in this incident and viewing replays Stewards deemed that no rider was careless but riders T Moseley and C Spittles were advised that they must ensure they keep their mounts straight wherever possible.

MISS ALICE shifted out under pressure and had to be straightened at the 50 metres.

Race 4	CURTAINS, PAINT & WALLPAPER COMPANY MOSGIEL 3YO 1200m
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DRAGONS DEN shifted in at the start making contact with **LANDALES GOLD**.

PRINCESS BROOK raced wide throughout.

SIGNIFY got its head up at the 800 metres when being steadied off heels.

Passing the 350 metres **DRAGONS DEN** shifted out resulting in crowding to **RUMPELSTILTSKIN** and **ANOTHER COUP** with both these runners having to be steadied momentarily. P Shaikh was shown a replay of this incident and advised he must take greater care when shifting ground in future.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN then lay in throughout the run home.

ANOTHER COUP was inclined to lay in over the concluding stages with the rider swapping the whip to the left hand.

Race 5	POUNAWEA MOTOR CAMP R65 1200m
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AGNUS BROWN bounded at the start.

TINKA TINKA was slow to begin.

SPARKS FLY had to be steadied on jumping away when crowded by runners on either side.

ZEINA raced wide through the early stages and **SUMMER'S BOY** raced wide throughout.

AGNUS BROWN raced keenly through the early to middle stages.

BUCKWILD was obliged to race wide from the 800 metres.

AGNUS BROWN had to steady in the shadows of the post when crowded by **DOMINIO** who shifted out and **ZEINA** who shifted in.

INCONTROL lay out over the concluding stages shifting ground outwards in the final 50 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **AGNUS BROWN** rider D Prastiyu advised that the gelding had raced too keenly in the early to middle stages and did not let down over the concluding stages.

Race 6	BP2GO ALCO MOSGIEL STAKES OPEN HANDICAP 1200m
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TOMA VALEA, **COUP DARCI BE** and **EL CHICO** were all slow to begin.

KELTIC KITTY raced keenly through the early stages.

THE DIAMOND ONE was held up rounding the final bend gaining clear racing room inside the final 300 metres.

TOMA VALEA lay in in the run home with the rider riding the final 200 metres with the whip in the left hand.

Following this race rider A Morgan was stood down for one remaining ride suffering the effects of dehydration.

Race 7 **ALLIED SECURITY OTAGO CUP OPEN HANDICAP 2200m**

SUREASYOUWEREBORN raced erratically through the early stages throwing its head in the air on a number of occasions and passing the 1700 metres shifted out when awkwardly placed on heels making contact with **OUR BEE JAY** before improving forward to lead at the 1300 metres. Rider K Williams advised that the mare appeared to have resented the lugging bit used today.

OUR BEE JAY raced wide through the early stages.

ESPRIT D'OR improved wide from the 1200 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **RIDLEY** rider S Muniandy advised the Stewards he was not disappointed with today's effort after the gelding had stepped up to the staying test of today from its previous run of 1335 metres.

Race 8 **ABC BUSINESS SALES R65 1600m**

Co-trainer B Blatch advised the Stewards that **JENUWIN** had undergone a wind operation since its last start.

KATIE'S DIAMOND stood in the gates losing considerable ground (approximately 20 lengths). The connections of **KATIE'S DIAMOND** were advised the gelding must barrier trial twice to the satisfaction of the Stewards. Trainer J Yeo advised that he would now be assessing the racing future of **KATIE'S DIAMOND**.

GALLANT BOY blundered on jumping away and then raced keenly through the early stages.

TRICIA'O was slow to begin.

NIGHT OWL was obliged to race wide from the 1000 metres.

MOVIDA improved wide from the 600 metres.

MOVIDA was placed in restricted room momentarily passing the 50 metres.

When spoken to regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **NIGHT OWL** rider D Prastiyu advised that the gelding had been obliged to race wide and when placed under pressure had been disappointing.

Race 9 **KB CONTRACTORS CHRISTMAS CUP R85 1600m**

RECORDING knuckled at the start dislodging rider R Bishop. R Bishop was attended to by the St John's paramedics and cleared to take his remaining ride. **COMMANDING OAK** was hampered at the start when trying to avoid the fallen rider and was slow through the early stages. Passing the crossing at the 1400 metres the riderless horse which was still in amongst the field shifted in forcing **NO EMOTION** inwards with **NO EMOTION** having to be steadied. Shortly afterwards **DILLINGER** had to be restrained when awkwardly placed on the heels of the riderless horse. The riderless horse continued on at the head of the field.

BLUE 'N' GOLD was held up early in the run home and then raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

LAKOTA was also held up for several strides passing the 200 metres.

A veterinary inspection of **RECORDING** revealed no abnormalities.

Race 10 **OTAGO PACKAGING SUPPLIES R65 1600m**

YOUNG JIM began awkwardly then raced keenly in the early stages and shifted out off the heels of **SHASPIC** to race wide on the track at the 1000m.

SHASPIC raced wide through the early stages before improving forward at the 800 metres to lead.

The saddle slipped forward on **YOUNG JIM** passing the 800 metres placing the rider in difficulty for the remainder of the race. **YOUNG JIM** then raced wide on the track from the 600 metres and passing the 550 metres rider G Jogoo lost the use of both irons.

EMILIO was held up for clear racing room passing the 200 metres and had to be steadied off heels. **EMILIO** continued to race in restricted room for the remainder of the event and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

DALWHINNIE was held up momentarily passing the 200 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **DALWHINNIE** rider J Morris advised the mare had not let down when placed under pressure at the 200 metres and disappointed. She further added that in her opinion **DALWHINNIE** may benefit from a track with more moisture.