

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Southland Racing Club	Date:	Wednesday 4 th February 2015
Weather:	Showery		
Track:	Dead 6 / Slow 8 retrospective to Race 1.		
Rail:	Out 5 metres from 1200 to 800 metres remainder 3 metres		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), C Allison and C Boyd		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL:

Nil

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	HOLD THE NOTE, THE THEME, BRAGGING RIGHTS, HE AIN'T HEAVY, TIMY TYLER, SIR AMRON, MADAM LINCOLN.		
Suspensions:	Race		Nil
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race		Nil
Bleeders:	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race	2	COURT JESTER – must barrier trial.
	Race	4	GOLD NUGGET – barrier manners warning.
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race		Nil
Late Scratching:	Race	7	OH SO SMART – track downgrade (2.08pm)
	Race	10	WHARE CREEK – track downgrade (2.12pm)

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	COMCAT PLANT ENHANCER MAIDEN (2200M)
<p>VOUSSOIR was crowded shortly after the start and lost ground.</p> <p>MASTERZED raced keenly when leading through the early and middle stages and tended to get its head up on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Passing the 400 metres VOUSSOIR was held up momentarily by the tiring ADDED and had to change ground inwards.</p> <p>Passing the 100 metres MORGAN BET had to shift ground outwards to find clear racing room.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of favoured runner LOOSE GOOSE rider T Moseley advised the gelding had been disappointing when placed under pressure and he could offer no tangible excuses.</p> <p>Stewards questioned trainer J Ashley regarding the improved performance of the winner HOLD THE NOTE with Mrs Ashley advising that she had made changes to the training regime of the mare and had felt the previous run at Gore was that of an improver. Mrs Ashley further added that HOLD THE NOTE had also found the longer distance of recent races more to her liking.</p> <p>Following the running of this event after interviewing senior riders the official track conditions were downgraded to Slow 8 retrospective to Race 1.</p>	
Race 2	GALLOP SOUTH MAIDEN (1200M)

KOFFEE 'N' KREAM shifted out at the start making contact with **COURT JESTER** on its outside. **COURT JESTER** then attempted to buck and bounded for several strides taking no further competitive part in the event. The connections were advised that **COURT JESTER** must trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing next.

Passing the 1000 metres **MISS DOLLY** got its head up when being steadied away from heels and shifted out crowding **THE THEME** momentarily.

SINGLE SPICE and **CARMODY** both raced wide throughout the event.

Passing the 700 metres **MISS DOLLY** who was continuing to race greenly shifted out abruptly forcing **SALLY GETCHA GUN**, **SINGLE SPICE** and **CARMODY** wider on the track at this point.

ALL THINGS NICE lay outwards over the concluding stages and could not be ridden to full advantage.

Race 3	INVERCARGILL LICENSING TRUST HANDICAP (1400M)
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HERMIONE began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with **FIATT**.

BEACONS was slow through the early stages.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **FIATT** rider R Bishop advised the gelding had failed to handle today's track conditions.

Race 4	ANNEDON RACING MAIDEN (1600M)
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GOLD NUGGET stood flat footed as the start was made and was very slow to begin with the gelding being placed on a barrier manners warning. Trainer J McKay advised the Stewards it was his intention to now send **GOLD NUGGET** for a spell and he will make a gear adjustment to the gelding prior to it racing next.

KILMARNOCH raced wide through the early stages.

ORIENTAL BRONZE and **WEST ARM** both made the first bend awkwardly.

GOLD NUGGET shifted in abruptly when struck with the whip passing the 400 metres unbalancing its rider.

Passing the 300 metres **HE AIN'T HEAVY** was held up and shifted in to avoid heels momentarily crowding **GALLANT SATIN**.

Passing the 250 metres **ORIENTAL BRONZE** was buffeted and unbalanced momentarily when **HE AIN'T HEAVY** (L Callaway) shifted ground outwards in search of clear racing room. L Callaway was advised to exercise care.

When questioned regarding the performance of **THE WEDDINGS OFF** apprentice rider S Wynne advised the mare had not handled today's track conditions.

Following the running of this event some riders expressed concern at the stability of their mounts in the very strong winds prevalent today. Stewards convened a meeting of senior riders with the consensus being that the situation be monitored race by race.

Race 5	RAVELSTON STUD HANDICAP (1600M)
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SHIRLEY BROOK shifted in at the start hampering **MATOAKA** who lost ground.

RUBY'S ROSE began awkwardly.

Both **TIMY TYLER** and **THE GALLANT GIRL** skied their heads for several strides passing the 1200 metres when being restrained to take a position.

MATOAKA raced wide throughout.

TIMY TYLER raced wider on the track from the 600 metres.

SHIRLEY BROOK gave ground from the 400 metres finishing in a distant last placing with apprentice rider T Direen reporting the mare had not handled today's Slow track conditions.

Apprentice rider S Wynne reported she believed **THE GALLANT GIRL** had come into season which had led to a disappointing performance today.

Race 6	McCALLUMS GROUP STAYERS HANDICAP (2600M)
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FALENA began awkwardly.

SIR AMRON raced wide through the early stages.

CURTAIN CALL and **SKEEN** both raced keenly in the early stages.

THEGREATPICKPOCKET raced wide throughout

VARVARA raced wide through the early and middle stages and was reported by its rider to have hung throughout.

Stewards inquired into the ride of apprentice rider C O'Beirne (**TILLY**). Miss O'Beirne advised she had been instructed to ride the mare where it landed. After jumping fairly Miss O'Beirne had elected to take a hold with **TILLY** immediately dropping the bit and dropping off the back of the field. Miss O'Beirne advised she placed the mare under pressure throughout the back straight using the whip on a number of occasions resulting in her mount improving to be within seven or eight lengths of the lead by the 700 metres. Miss O'Beirne then elected to move **TILLY** wider on the track and the mare had responded fairly when placed under full pressure from this point. Miss O'Beirne further added that she believed **TILLY** had not appreciated the slower track conditions when racing adjacent to the rail and had only improved its position when taken wider on the track. After reviewing replays of the race the Stewards noted Miss O'Beirne's explanation.

Race 7	NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE (1400M)
<p>SAVAMONT knuckled and then blundered out of the barriers badly unbalancing its rider and losing considerable ground. Passing the 1100 metres MCGLUSKEYSDAUGHTER was buffeted and unbalanced momentarily when QUARTET shifted in and away from WILD WINGS.</p> <p>WEE MISSY raced wide throughout.</p> <p>Passing the 800 metres WILD WINGS had to steady when making the bend awkwardly resulting in the trailing QUARTET having to be steadied also.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the performances of both QUARTET and FINAL WAVE their respective apprentice riders T Direen and G Jogoo advised neither mare had handled today's track conditions.</p>	
Race 8	"CUP DAY" 14TH FEBRUARY HANDICAP (1400M)
<p>DOCTOR EDEN began awkwardly.</p> <p>FOUR GEES was slow to begin.</p> <p>SIR JACK REMINGTON lay outwards for several strides passing the 1200 metres and shifted out making firm contact with TINKA TINKA.</p> <p>TINKA TINKA raced keenly through the early stages.</p> <p>RADINKA was held up momentarily round the final bend and had to shift ground inwards.</p> <p>FOUR GEES had to continue to change ground inwards throughout the run home to find clear racing room and passing the 100 metres dictated ROMNEY further inwards.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the performance of BACK IN THE DAY apprentice rider G Jogoo advised the gelding had been on one rein throughout and had been very disappointing. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of BACK IN THE DAY which revealed a slightly slow recovery rate but otherwise no abnormalities.</p> <p>When questioned regarding the improved performance of MADAM LINCOLN trainer L Vaughan advised the Stewards that the mare had some issues over the previous months and it had taken time to iron out these matters. Miss Vaughan further added that this combined with the more favorable track conditions and aided by a good ride had led to today's improved performance which was not unexpected.</p>	