

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Waikouaiti Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Good 3		
<b>Rail:</b>	True		
<b>Stewards:</b>	M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and S Renault		
<b>Typist:</b>	M O'Brien		

## GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

Farrier W McCraw was charged with a breach of Rule 340 (Misconduct) in relation to the late scratching of **FANTAMO** in Race 9 today. After hearing evidence from all parties and several witnesses the JCA reserved their decision.  
Pre Race blood testing was carried out at this meeting.

## SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

**Kurow Jockey Club – Race 7 – PGG Wrightson Kurow Cup** – JCA delivered their reserved decision from Kurow on 30 December 2014. After considering all evidence the charge was found proven with the JCA suspending Mr Shaikh's licence to ride in races for two days from the end of racing on 3 January 2015 up to and including 7 January 2015.

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	BUCKWILD, SHARP BLADE, KASUNDI, COUP DARCI BE, SKEEN, LUKANDER, ALPINE HEIGHTS, MISS SETON SANDS.		
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 7</b>	<b>Kurow Jockey Club – P Shaikh</b> (COUP DARCI BE) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding – licence suspended from the end of racing on 3 January 2015 up to and including 7 January 2015 (2 days)	
	<b>Race 8</b>	<b>G Jogoo</b> (ALPINE HEIGHTS) – Rule 638(1)(d) – careless riding – licence suspended from the end of racing on 4 January 2015 up to and including 10 January 2015 (2 days).	
<b>Protests:</b>	<b>Race</b>	Nil	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race</b>	Nil	
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 7</b>	<b>S Muniandy</b> (RI'GAH BROOK) – Rule 638(3)(b) – use of the whip on a runner out of contention	
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race</b>		
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	<b>Race 8</b>	<b>COMMANDING OAK</b> – veterinary clearance required	
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>			
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	<b>Race</b>		
<b>Late Scratching:</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>THE GOVERNATOR</b> – on veterinary advice	
	<b>Race 9</b>	<b>FANTAMO</b> – on veterinary advice	

## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BLUESKIN NURSERIES / CARGILLS CONTRACTING 1250m
<p><b>SPITTING IMAGE</b> and <b>DOMINIO</b> were both slow to begin.</p> <p><b>LATIN SAINT</b> raced wide throughout.</p> <p><b>MAHBEER</b> improved wide from the 700 metres.</p> <p><b>MT DIFFICULTY</b> was obliged to race wider on the track when improving passing the 500 metres. The rider of <b>MT DIFFICULTY</b> lost his whip passing the 300 metres.</p> <p>Passing the 250 metres <b>ONTARIO</b> was held up when awkwardly placed on the heels of <b>LATIN SAINT</b> and had to shift ground outwards to find clear racing room.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of favoured runner <b>PATRICE</b> rider C Barnes advised that she had been unable to get to the lead from an outside draw and had only battled over the concluding stages. Trainer J McKay advised <b>PATRICE</b> had displaced a hind plate during the race and had some minor lacerations to the leg.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the improved performance of <b>BUCKWILD</b> rider J Bates advised that the gelding had drawn wide</p>	

at its two previous starts and had raced wide and further back in the field. Aided with the number one draw today the gelding had been able to get a comfortable lead and a forward showing was not unexpected. Trainer A Hoffman also confirmed that the gelding had drawn wide in its previous races and with a senior rider and a favourable barrier draw the gelding had shown the promise the trainer believed it was capable of.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>IRONIC CAFÉ / HOPE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS MAIDEN 1975m</b>
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**OATH** began awkwardly and got back and was further hampered when **DOMINATOR** shifted in at the start.

**D'ELLIS** got back from its wide draw.

**FAIR SPOKEN** raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**TEDESCO** and **D'ELLIS** also raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**SHARP BLADE** who was laying outwards made the final bend awkwardly shifting wider on the track.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **DOMINATOR** rider D Walsh advised that in his opinion a combination of extra weight and the extra distance of the race had led to a disappointing performance. Mr Walsh also added that he had to work his mount hard in the early stages of the race which had also contributed to the performance.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE 1250m</b>
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**KASUNDI** was slow to begin.

**HOT PANTS** was hampered and got back when **PEGGY'S CHOICE** shifted out at the start.

**MISS BUFFO** raced wide through the early stages.

Passing the 900 metres **HOT PANTS** had to be steadied and lost some ground when racing in tight quarters to the inside of **LEGAL TENDER**, **KASUNDI** and **SO VITAL** (D Walsh) who shifted in slightly. D Walsh was advised to exercise greater care.

**WESTEND MISS** was retired from the event passing the 900 metres with rider S Muniandy advising that the filly had felt awkward in its action and he feared there was something amiss. A post-race veterinary examination of **WESTEND MISS** revealed signs of shin soreness. Trainer S Anderton advised that **WESTEND MISS** would not be sent for a lengthy spell.

Passing the 700 metres **HOT PANTS** had to be steadied again when awkwardly placed on the heels of **LEGAL TENDER**.

**SO VITAL** was held up rounding the final bend and raced in restricted room throughout the run home and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

Passing the 150 metres **PERFECT SECRET** which was laying in shifted in resulting in **DOLLYADAY** shifting in onto the heels of **PEGGY'S CHOICE**. **DOLLYADAY** was then held up shifting ground inwards dictating **ROYAL DOLLAR** inwards crowding **SO VITAL** who had to be restrained. Also inconvenienced in this incident was the trailing **LEGAL TENDER** who had to be steadied and shift ground outwards.

**DOLLYADAY** then had to shift ground outwards at the 100 metres to find clear racing room.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>OTAGO DAILY TIMES / HARBOUR FISH / ARMSTRONG PRESTIGE DUNEDIN 1250m</b>
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**THE GOVERNATOR** was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 12.14 pm.

**IT AINT OVER** was slow to begin.

**KELTIC KITTY** made the final bend awkwardly shifting wider on the track.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>SPEIGHT'S NEW YEAR'S DAY / RICHARD TEMPLETON CONTRACTING 1250m</b>
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**DILLINGER** began awkwardly.

**MILO** raced keenly through the early stages and passing the 900 metres shifted out off the heels of **FLASH HAPI** and raced wide for the remainder of the race.

**DILLINGER** raced wide throughout.

**COUP DARCI BE** shifted out on the final bend resulting in **MILO** having to steady momentarily.

Passing the 100 metres **MEURSAULT** became awkwardly placed on the heels of **DILLINGER** and had to shift ground outwards.

**FLASH HAPI** returned to the Birdcage with a minor laceration on a hind leg.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **MILO** rider D Walsh advised that the tight turns at Waikouaiti did not suit the gelding's racing style.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>COOKE HOWLISON HYUNDAI / PGG WRIGHTSON 1975m</b>
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**FALENA** began awkwardly and lost ground.

**BRAEHILL** raced wide through the early and middle stages.

**MOVIDA** lay out on the final bend taking **EKSTRA SPECIAL** wider on the track.

**JIMMYTOSHOES** was held up rounding the final bend and for the majority of the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 75 metres.

**ROSHEEN** improved into a tight run passing the 200 metres and again to the inside of **SKEEN** at the 50 metres with **SKEEN** shifting out over the final 20 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **FALENA** rider C Barnes advised that the gelding's best form had been on tracks with more moisture.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>WAIKOUAITI AUTO &amp; ENGINEERING / EAST OTAGO TRANSPORT 1975m</b>
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**LUKANDER** was slow through the early stages.

**RI'GAH BROOK** when being restrained in the early stages grabbed the bit and raced fiercely for several strides shifting in abruptly hampering **FORFEITURE**. **RI'GAH BROOK** continued to race keenly through the early stages.

**LUKANDER** improved wide from the 1000 metres to lead at the 700 metres.

**KEEP HER SECRET** raced wide from the 800 metres.

**AMAROK** raced in restricted room over the last 50 metres.

When spoken to regarding the disappointing performance of **MY RULES** rider T Moseley advised the Stewards that the gelding was unsuited to the turning nature of the track and the stop/start nature of today's race.

S Muniandy the rider of **RI'GAH BROOK** was issued a warning under Rule 638(3)(b) and reminded of his obligations regarding the use of his whip on a runner out of contention.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>DUNEDIN CASINO WAIKOUAITI CUP 1975m</b>
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**EVA KEENEVA** made the bend awkwardly near the 1300 metres hampering **KING PRAWN** and **COMMANDING OAK** who were both forced wider on the track.

**COMMANDING OAK** improved wide from the 1100 metres but was under pressure at the 500 metres and gave ground finishing in last placing. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed an atrial fibrillation with the connections advised a veterinary clearance would be required before racing again.

**FIORANO** had to steady at the 500 metres when placed in restricted room.

**ALPINE HEIGHTS** shifted in passing the 200 metres dictating **RIDLEY** in onto **KARAKA JACK** and **RECORDING** who were both checked. Apprentice G Jogoo admitted a resultant breach of 638(1)(d) careless riding with the JCA suspending his race day licence from the end of racing on 4 January 2015 up to and including 10 January 2015 (2 days).

**ALPINE HEIGHTS** continued to shift ground inwards over the concluding stages and had to be straightened at the 100 metres. Rider J Bates (**RED RIPPER**) viewed replays of the concluding stages before deciding not to proceed with a protest.

<b>Race 9</b>	<b>NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE 1250m</b>
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**FANTAMO** was late scratched at 1.58 pm on vet's advice.

Shortly after the start **LADYBIRD BLUE** had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of **JIP JOP SHOP**.

**LADYBIRD BLUE** raced keenly through the middle stages and had to be restrained off heels passing the 900 metres.

**RIPPLE** raced wide throughout.

**RIPPLE** shifted in under pressure passing the 250 metres placing **LADYBIRD BLUE** in restricted room momentarily.

The favourite **LEGNANI** was held up for the majority of the run home and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

**TEMPTING PLACE** was held up for several strides passing the 200 metres.

**GIVE ME A REASON** returned to the Birdcage lame in the right foreleg. The connections were advised they would need a veterinary clearance prior to starting again.