

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Wellington Racing Club	Date:	Saturday 19 th March 2016
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead (4)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	R Neal (Chairman); J Oatham; and B Bateup.		
Typist:	P Penketh		

GENERAL:

S Wynne did not attend the meeting following a fall at the Timaru race meeting on Friday 18 March 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	CHARMONT; SANTIAGO; LUNA ROSSA; JACKSSTAR; FIVE TO MIDNIGHT; RASA LILA; GOODSAY; THE JUSTICE LEAGUE; GLORIOUS BEIJING; PASSING SHOT; SILVER ECLIPSE; SOFIA ROSA; FANATIC; STRADA CAVALLO; BEEFEATER		
Suspensions:	Race	6	L Allpress (SHADOWS CAST) careless riding – shifting ground. Suspended from [Rule 638 (1) (d)] – Careless riding – Suspended 24 th March – 2 nd April 2016 (inclusive)
		8	D Johnson (SOFIA ROSA) careless riding – shifting ground. Suspended from the [Rule 638 (1) (d)] – Careless riding – Suspended 24 th March – 9 th April 2016 (inclusive)
Protests:	Race	8	FANATIC (2nd) vs SOFIA ROSA (1st) - upheld
Fines:	Race	8	D Johnson (SOFIA ROSA) Rule 638 (1) (d)] - Fined \$1000
Warnings:	Race	7	C Lammas (SMASHING) – shifting ground 400 metres.
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race		
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	6	S Wynne did not attend the meeting due to injury and was replaced as follows: CANTILENA – R Hannam
		8	MAGIC WONDER – R Cuneen
		9	ZIPPIN – L Allpress
Late Scratchings:	Race	3	KARAVALI @ 1.34pm - vet's advice
		9	POSTER GIRL @ 2.20pm – vet's advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	DIRECT FISH AND OYSTERS PREMIER
<p>The barrier blanket of WRITTEN COMMAND was late to release when the start was effected. Rider M McNab confirmed that WRITTEN COMMAND was not adversely affected.</p> <p>SHEZGORGEIOUS (D Hirini) began awkwardly.</p> <p>BATMAN (R Cuneen) began awkwardly shifting out bumping CATWOMANDU (J Riddell) with BATMAN losing ground as a consequence.</p> <p>CATWOMANDU lay out approaching the final straight dictating WRITTEN COMMAND and CHARMONT (D Johnson) marginally wider.</p> <p>CHARMONT was inclined to lay in over the final 200 metres.</p>	
Race 2	HIREMASTER PREMIER
<p>KAIRANGA LAD (H Tinsley) shifted out abruptly at the start hampering WIGGLE (D Hirini) which lost ground.</p>	

POWERADE (M Tanaka) began awkwardly and settled back.
IN ANOTHER LIFE (C Johnson) over-raced in the lead throughout.
SEALED BY A DANCE (M Cameron) raced ungenerously passing the 1300 metres and had to be restrained off heels near the 1000 metres. **SEALED BY A DANCE** then improved onto the heels of **HOT SPOT (D Mo)** near the 900 metres when over-racing and when being steadied shifted out hampering **DOCKET (J Riddell)** which was taken wider for a brief distance.
HOT SPOT raced three-wide without cover for the majority of the event.
WIGGLE over-raced between the 800 metres and 400 metres when awkwardly placed.
ENDURE (L Allpress) was held up passing the 600 metres until near the 300 metres.
KAIRANGA LAD was held up passing the 500 metres until near the 300 metres.
WIGGLE was held up rounding the turn and failed to obtain clear running throughout the final straight.
POWERADE had difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.
When questioned regarding the performance of **FLYING IBIS** rider **M McNab** reported that the gelding had never travelled comfortably and was unable to offer any excuses other than in his opinion that it may be better suited over more ground. A post-race veterinary examination of **FLYING IBIS** revealed a normal post-race recovery.

Race 3 **RICHARDSONRACING.CO.NZ PREMIER**

KARAVALI was a late scratching at 1.34pm after displaying lameness in behind when parading in the birdcage.
ROYAL FASHION shifted in on jumping crowding **SAVASAVA** which settled back.
PLATINUM DIVA (D Bradley) was crowded for room shortly after the start when racing inside **O'REILLY'S CHOICE (J Riddell)** which, when over-racing, shifted in. In consequence **PLATINUM DIVA** was crowded inwards onto **JUST YOU (R Hannam)** which was buffeted and became unbalanced shifting out back onto **PLATINUM DIVA**. **O'REILLY'S CHOICE** continued to over-race badly and near the 700 metres shifted out abruptly off the heels of **STEPHENSTIHLS (M Du Plessis)** bumping heavily with **SAVASAVA (C Lammas)**, which when racing wide, was forced wider.
When questioned regarding the run of **PLATINUM DIVA** which finished last, rider **D Bradley** reported that apart from the filly perhaps being affected by the buffering earlier in the race, he could offer no excuses.
A post-race veterinary examination of **PLATINUM DIVA** revealed no abnormality.

Race 4 **LINCOLN FARMS NEW ZEALAND ST LEGER - Listed**

HIIQUE (M Du Plessis) shied and shifted out near the 1900 metres, hampering **MIDNIGHT FLYER (R Hannam)** which was taken wider for a short distance.
SAINT EMILION (J Riddell) commenced to race keenly shortly after leaving the barriers refusing to settle so was allowed to stride forward to lead near the 1700 metres.
MICHELIN (M McNab) over-raced in the early and middle stages.
CHEQUERED FLAG (M Cameron) over-raced in the middle stages.
HE'S NO SAINT (A Jones) had some difficulty obtaining clear running throughout the final straight.
WHAT A DIVA (D Johnson) raced in restricted room for a distance near the 300 metres.
ARYA (L Innes) had to shift ground out near the 200 metres to obtain clear running.
When questioned on the performance of **SAINT EMILION** rider **J Riddell** said that the gelding's tendency to over-race in the early and middle stages may have been detrimental to its chances. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormality.
When questioned regarding the improved performance of **JACKSSTAR**, trainer **G Vile** reported the gelding had been disadvantaged at its previous start after being forced wide when improving near the 700 metres.

Race 5 **WENTWOOD GRANGE CUDDLE STAKES – Gp III**

EM KAY POPS (A Collett) raced wide without cover throughout.
IRISH WHISPER (M Dravitzki) commenced to race ungenerously passing the 1200 metres and approaching the 1000 metres, shifted out and bumped heavily with **EM KAY POPS**. **IRISH WHISPER** then over-raced for some distance.
RASA LILA (L Innes) brushed with **ROHAISE (D Johnson)** when angled into clear running near the 400 metres.
MAE WEST (R Hannam) had to shift ground out across the heels of **GOODSAV (L Allpress)** passing the 100 metres to obtain clear running and in doing so made contact with the weakening **SOMETHINGVAIN (C Lammas)**. **R Hannam** was advised to exercise greater care.

Race 6 **GO RACING SYNDICATIONS WELLINGTON GUINEAS – Gp II**

FLYING FLETCH (G Cooksley) was slow to begin.
RUUD NOT TOO (D Johnson) blundered on jumping away and settled back.
THE AXE (C Johnson) raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages and then hung out from the 900 metres.
MARKY MARK (L Innes) got its head up when being steadied passing the 1200 metres.
CANTELINA (R Hannam) over-raced making the turn near the 1000 metres.

SHADOWS CAST (L Allpress) improved onto the heels of **LAUBERHORN** near the 150 metres and passing the 100 metres shifted out in an attempt to obtain clear running and in doing so bumped heavily with **TOMELILLA (M Cameron)** which was forced onto **BELLA COURT (D Bradley)** which had to be checked. Mrs Allpress defended a resultant charge of careless riding under Rule 638 (1) (d) and after consideration the Judicial Committee found the charge proven. After receiving submissions as to penalty the Committee imposed a term of suspension from the close of racing on Wednesday 23 March 2016 until the close of racing on Saturday 2 April 2016 (6 days).

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE (L Tiley) lay out under hard riding over the final stages and brushed with **GLORIOUS BEIJING (M McNab)** near the post.

When questioned regarding the run of **MARKY MARK** which finished well back, rider **L Innes** could offer no excuses other than the over-racing in the early stages and a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mrs M Murdock advised that **MARKY MARK** would now be spelled.

FLYING FLETCH finished a long last. Rider **C Cooksley** reported that the gelding hung out throughout the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a poor post-race recovery rate.

Race 7	DIXON & DUNLOP MELBOURNE RACING CLUB LIGHTNING HANCIDAP - Listed
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WHOSYOURMASTER (H Tinsley) and **NATUZZI (C Johnson)** were both slow to begin.

VESPA (M Du Plessis) raced wide without cover throughout.

RED DIRT GIRL (S Muniandy) was crowded wider near the 400 metres when racing outside **SMASHING (C Lammas)** which was angled out across the heels of **ADVENTADOR (L Innes)** to improve. Contributing to this incident was **ADVENTADOR's** tendency to shift out under pressure. Nevertheless **C Lammas** was issued with a warning and advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground..

When questioned regarding the run of **NATUZZI** which failed to run on in the final straight, rider **C Johnson** could offer no excuses.

Race 8	WELLFIELD NEW ZEALAND OAKS – Gp 1
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COOL TART (M Du Plessis) was crowded soon after leaving the barriers and lost ground.

FANATIC (M Hills) got back from a wide draw.

ALARMIST (J Riddell) was slow to begin.

ALARMIST was crowded and placed in restricted room near the 2200 metres when inside **PROMISE TO REIGN** which shifted in.

STRADA CAVALLO shifted in near the 2100 metres when insufficiently clear crowding **MEGAWATT (A Collett); MAGIC WONDER (R Cuneen), AMAZING LADY (D Johnson)** which was checked and **COOL TART** which was tightened. An Information was filed with the JCA charging C Johnson with careless riding with the matter being adjourned.

A little further on **COOL TART** was again crowded when tight to the inside of **STRADA CAVALLO**. **C Johnson** was issued with a warning.

COLD PLAY raced three-wide without cover for the majority of the event.

MAGIC WONDER (R Cuneen) clipped the heel of **AMAZING LADY (D Bradley)** and blundered badly near the 400 metres.

ALCALDESA (D Bradley) was held up from the 500 metres for the remainder of the home straight.

FIREBIRD FLYER (M Tanaka) were held up passing the 500 metres until near the 200 metres.

ALARMIST had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the home straight.

PROMISE TO REIGN (L Innes) was held up passing the 700 metres and had to make its finishing run wide around the final turn and when shifting outwards near the 450 metres hampered **MEGAWATT**.

STRADA CAVALLO was held up rounding the turn and early in the final straight.

FANATIC shifted out near the 300 metres making contact with **STRADA CAVALLO** which was forced wider.

Prior to the authorisation of dividends trainer **G Richardson** viewed the films but elected not to proceed with a protest.

SOFIA ROSA (D Johnson) lay out rounding the turn then continued to lay out under pressure throughout the final straight, and near the 50 metres, when under hard riding, shifted ground out abruptly making contact with **FANATIC** with **FANATIC** becoming unbalanced. Also affected in this incident was **STRADA CAVALLO (C Johnson)** which was inconvenienced.

M Hills the rider of 2nd placed **FANATIC** lodged a protest against the winner **SOFIA ROSA** alleging interference over the final stages. After consideration, the Judicial Committee upheld the protest.

Rider **D Johnson** admitted an associated charge of careless riding under Rule 638 (1) (d) and after hearing all evidence and submissions imposed a term of suspension from the close of racing on Wednesday 23 March 2016 until the close of racing on Saturday 9 April 2016 inclusive (8 days). In addition a fine of \$1000 was included in the penalty.

Race 9	FASTTRACK INSURANCE PREMIER
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STAR OF GREENBEEL (A Collett) was slow to begin from a wide barrier.

CHARLIE CHINE (M McNab) was slow in the early stages.

SPANISH GOLD (R Elliot) over-raced in the early and middle stages.

BEEFEATER (H Tinsley) raced wide throughout.

SILK BELT (C Johnson) raced keenly passing the 600 metres when awkwardly placed near the rear.

ABBEY ROAD (R Hannam) was held up in the early part of the final straight.