

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

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| Club: | Otago Racing Club | Date: | Thursday 14 th April 2016 |
| Weather: | Fine | | |
| Track: | Dead 4 | | |
| Rail: | Out 3 metres from 1400 to 300 metres, rest true. | | |
| Stewards: | M Davidson (Chairman), L Tidmarsh 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)

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| Pre-Race blood testing was carried out at today's meeting. |
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SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

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SUMMARY:

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| Swabbing: | LOCHAN ORA, THE MUSIC GURU, FATHER WAYNE, MADAM BENTLEY, ALMOST COURT, GRAFFITI, SHOW MACCOOL. | | |
| Suspensions: | Race | | Nil |
| Protests: | Race | | Nil |
| Fines: | Race | | Nil |
| Warnings: | Race | | Nil |
| Bleeders: | Race | | Nil |
| Horse Actions: | Race | 3 | ELLERSTINA – racing manners warning |
| Medical Certificates: | | | |
| Rider Changes: | Race | | Nil |
| Late Scratching: | Race | | Nil |

RACE COMMENTS:

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| Race 1 | THE WINGATUI FUNCTION CENTRE RATING 75 1600m |
| BRAH SPRING was slow to begin. DILLINGER shifted in and bumped with GOLD LEAF on jumping away. | |
| Race 2 | THE OTAGO RACING CLUB LIFE MEMBERS MAIDEN 1200m |
| YES YOU DID bounded at the start and lost ground. INBEE raced keenly through the middle stages and had to be restrained off heels for some distance passing the 700 metres. Stewards questioned rider R Cuneen (JANEFIELD JEWEL) on his ride particularly in relation to early in the run home. Mr Cuneen advised that he had a nice position in the running and that he had tracked MILLIE ROSE rounding the final bend and early in the run home but waited till his mount had straightened and balanced before opting to shift out off the heels of MILLIE ROSE to make his final run. When doing so MILLIE ROSE had also shifted out slightly so was further delayed in coming to the outside to make his run. He added that he believed that he had been travelling well enough at this point but when placed under pressure at the 225 metres the mare had only battled and had been disappointing. He also advised that in hindsight the muddled tempo of the race had not been suitable to his mount. After speaking with rider Cuneen and viewing replays Stewards noted his explanation and deemed no further action was necessary. | |
| Race 3 | POSITIVELY PINK QUEENS BIRTHDAY RACE DAY 3YO MDN 1200m |
| AREYOUWITHME was slow to begin. MIDNIGHT LATTE began awkwardly and lost ground. | |

GOLD LABEL raced wide throughout.

ELLERSTINA lay out throughout the run and shifted wider on the track early in the run home. **ELLERSTINA** continued to lay out in the final straight with rider S Wynne being unable to ride her mount out to any advantage over the concluding stages. The connections of **ELLERSTINA** were advised the filly was on a racing manners warning. The connections advised they would be looking to make some gear changes before the filly races again.

AREYOUWITHME lay in across the heels of **GOLD LABEL** passing the 225 metres and had to be steadied.

K Kalychurun the rider of **MIDNIGHT LATTE** advised that his mount had raced greenly throughout.

FAS shifted ground outwards abruptly in the shadows of the post and had to be straightened.

When spoken to regarding the improved performance of **FATHER WAYNE** the connections advised the gelding had been freshened since its last race and had performed well in a trial leading into today's race with a forward showing not unexpected.

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| Race 4 | CAREFREE STABLES RATING 75 1200m |
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LORD BEAVER over raced in the early stages and was crowded making contact with the running rail at the 900 metres when **HE'S GOLD** who was also racing keenly, was dictated inwards by **MADAM BENTLEY** (C Johnson) which stepped inwards on the point of the bend. Rider C Johnson was shown a replay and advised that he must exercise greater care when shifting ground.

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| Race 5 | THE BROOK MAIDEN 1400m |
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TAIERI WHISPER shifted out abruptly at the start hampering **KONA** which lost ground.

ALMOST COURT and **CONCEAL** both raced keenly through the early stages.

HESSONITE lay out passing the 300 metres and had to be straightened.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **HOT TEMPO** rider K Kalychurun advised that the filly had travelled well throughout but when placed under pressure inside the final 300 metres failed to respond and was disappointing. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **HOT TEMPO** which revealed no abnormalities.

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| Race 6 | THEO DITFORT MEMORIAL MAIDEN 2200m |
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ANNAGHAGH began awkwardly.

ANNAGHAGH raced keenly for several strides passing the 1600 metres and had to be steadied off the heels of **REVOLUTION EARTH**.

PARANA was held up rounding the final bend and early in the run home. Passing the 200 metres **PARANA** had to be restrained when awkwardly placed between **REVOLUTION EARTH** which had shifted outwards when being straightened and **HEED THE FLAG** (S Muniandy) which lay in at this point. S Muniandy was advised to exercise care.

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| Race 7 | SOUTHERN WIDE REAL ESTATE RAY KEAN R65 & JMPS HCP 2200m |
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PRIME PROSECUTOR was slow to begin.

BRANDY raced wide from the 1600 metres.

THE MAN had to be steadied passing the 800 metres when improving onto the heels of **STARBUCK**.

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| Race 8 | UNICHEM TAIERI & SCOTTBASE HAIRDRESSING R65 1400m |
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ROYAL DOLLAR began awkwardly and was slow to begin.

LOTTERIO bounded at the start.

FASCINATE and **THE BELIEVER** both shifted out abruptly at the start losing some ground.

Passing the 1000 metres **BUSHIDO** who was racing keenly had to be steadied when **WHATWASTHAT** (K Kalychurun) shifted in momentarily. K Kalychurun was advised to exercise greater care.

ALL JOKES ASIDE and **PRINCE BRUNO** had to be steadied when racing keenly passing the 900 metres.

SOFIA LOREN and **THE BELIEVER** both raced wide throughout.

ALL JOKES ASIDE continued to race keenly through the middle stages.

RUBY'S ROSE and **HOT PANTS** were both held up early in the run home.

BUSHIDO shifted in abruptly passing the 50 metres dictating **SOFIA LOREN** inwards in the shadows of the post. B Murray the rider of **SOFIA LOREN** viewed replays of this incident before deciding not to proceed with a protest.