

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Central Otago Racing Club	Date:	Friday 3 rd January 2020
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Slow 7 / Dead 6 after Race 3		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), N McIntyre, R Haley and V Munro		
Veterinarian:	Dr P Gillespie		
Typist:	M O'Brien		

GENERAL:

All today's riders were work place breath tested with all providing clear results.
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SUPPLEMENTARY:

Kurow JC 30th December 2019 – Race 9 Coupland's Working Dog R65 1400 Metres
Co Trainer J Parsons advised Stewards that after its disappointing performance SUPERSTATIC will continue on in its current campaign probably on the West Coast circuit with some gear changes being made. He further added she would have a limited number of chances to improve her form.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	GINNY, POINT SCORE, EXPEDITION, KILLARNEY, MADAM DE SOIR, JACK BE QUICK.		
Suspensions:	Race		Nil
Protests:	Race		Nil
Fines:	Race		Nil
Warnings:	Race	1	C Johnson (GINNY) [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Shifting ground 50 metres
Follow Up	Race		Nil
Horse Actions:	Race		Nil
Medical Certificates:			Nil
Rider Changes:	Race		Nil
Late Scratching:	Race		Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	RD PETROLEUM / DUNCAN AGRICULTURE MDN 1100m
MINT JULEP (C Campbell) – Began awkwardly and was further hampered losing ground when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of NOM DE REVE . Lay inwards in the run home and had to be straightened a number of times.	
NOM DE REVE (T Comignaghi) – Slow to begin.	
GINNY (C Johnson) – Shifted out at the start crowding ANDALE ANDALE , WARNING BIRD and BENLACHIE . Over raced early to middle stages.	
ANDALE ANDALE (L Callaway) – Crowded and buffeted at the start. Then over raced in the early stages and got its head up when improving onto the heels of the runner in front passing the 900 metres.	
WARNING BIRD (R Mudhoo) – Crowded and buffeted at the start.	
BENLACHIE (T Moseley) – Crowded and buffeted at the start.	
EXCHANGE (J Lowry) – Raced wide without cover throughout and hampered passing 900 metres. Then hung rounding the home bend shifting wider on the track. Briefly crowded passing the 300 metres when laying out onto the heels of MINT JULEP .	

BAD BIDDY (C Barnes) – Raced greenly passing the 900 metres and shifted out abruptly hampering EXCHANGE.

I'M A TIGER (S Wynne) – Crowded and dictated wider on the track passing the 50 metres having to be steadied away from heels.

C Johnson (GINNY) – Issued with a warning for allowing his mount to shift ground outwards passing the 50 metres resulting in I'M A TIGER being shifted wider on the track and having to be steadied away from heels.

Race 2	BREEN CONSTRUCTION / WS HICKEY & SON MDN 1400m
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The start of this event was delayed one minute as the request of the TAB.

HOMBRE (T Comignaghi) – Fractious in the barriers prior to the start.

DREAM BRAVE (C Barnes) – Slow to begin. Lay in throughout the run home and had to be straightened on a number of occasions. Had to be steadied away from the heels of ZIPITSWEETIE (K Chowdhoo) who shifted out near the 100 metres. K Chowdhoo was advised to exercise care.

LUGANO'S ACE (L Callaway) – Raced ungenerously skying its head near the 1000 metres having to be restrained away from the heels of the runner in front. Continued to race keenly through the early stages. Then lay inwards in the run home.

ZIPITSWEETIE (K Chowdhoo) – Held up early stages of the run home having to shift ground outwards passing the 100 metres.

BUCK SHELLFISH (C Johnson) – When questioned regarding the performance of the favourite rider advised that the gelding had been flat throughout and had been very disappointing further advising he may not have backed up from his most recent race. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

POINT SCORE (K Williams) – When asked to comment on the improved performance the trainer advised that the gelding had won a workout prior to its previous start and was today aided by a patient ride with the improved performance not unexpected.

Race 3	PGG WRIGHTSON / AON INSURANCE HANDICAP 65 1400m
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MILANO (S Wynne) – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance rider advised that in her opinion the gelding had felt indifferent in its action throughout with Stewards ordering a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed no obvious abnormalities.

FOX IN SOCKS (K Williams) – Slow to begin.

RAINMAN (T Comignaghi) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

DECEPTION VISUS (J Laking) – Raced wide early stages.

FINAL SAVINGS (C Johnson) – Over raced badly in the early to middle stages and when hanging outwards shifted wider on the track through the run down the back straight and was obliged to race wide for the remainder of the race.

LIAM (K Chowdhoo) – When asked to comment on the performance the rider advised the gelding had been disappointing and could offer no tangible excuse.

Following the running of this event the track was upgraded to Dead 6.

Race 4	ALEXANDRA NEW WORLD CENTRAL OTAGO SUMMER CUP OPEN 1400m
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KING PIN (R Mudhoo) – Slow to begin. Attempted to improve wide from the 500 metres.

Race 5	OMAKAU AUTO / MEE FAMILY MEMORIAL 65 2000m
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Was rescheduled to 4.04 pm at the request of the TAB.

RUN FORREST RUN (S Wynne) – Slow to begin. Was held up from the 125 metres and went to the line untested by its rider having to be restrained off heels in the shadows of the post.

KNUTQUACKER (T Moseley) – The saddle shifted forward near the 1200 metres placing the rider in some difficulty for the

remainder of the race.

JUST ANOTHER DAY (C Barnes) – Raced ungenerously near the 1200 metres having to be shifted wider on the track to avoid heels. Was then obliged to race three wide without cover thereafter.

METASEQUOIA (C Johnson) – Held up for the majority of the run home and went to the line untested by its rider. Stewards questioned Mr Johnson in regards to his ride in particular rounding the home bend and whether there was an opportunity for him to improve wider near the 500 metres. Mr Johnson explained that he had chosen not to improve wider and follow JUST ANOTHER DAY as that runner was under pressure passing the 500 metres and this would have meant he would have been improving five wide rounding the final turn believing that this would have been detrimental to his horse's chance. He also added that when improving into a run round the bend and early in the run home he became awkwardly positioned inside the heels of PERFECTO and was not in a position to force that runner wider and was therefore held up for the remainder of the race. Stewards noted Mr Johnson's explanation.

T Comignaghi (BABAN) – Was spoken to advisedly regarding her use of the whip over the shoulder.

Race 6	RTL MCLAREN / FARMLANDS ALEXANDRA MDN 2000m
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Was rescheduled to 4.39 pm at the request of the TAB.

OPHIR GOLD (T Moseley) – Was fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Slow to begin.

RENOUNCE (S Wynne) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

PICTURE THIS (L Callaway) – Had to be restrained away from heels when racing keenly for a short distance passing the 1800 metres.

JANGLES (C Johnson) – Obligated to race three wide for a distance passing the 1100 metres when RAISE YA CARDS shifted out to avoid heels of the runners in front as the pace of the race eased slightly. Buffeted and unbalanced passing 125 metres.

PABLO PICASSO (J Laking) – Gave ground passing the 500 metres.

MELANITE (C Campbell) – Held up rounding the final bend and for the majority of the run home and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

RAISE YA CARDS (J Lowry) – Crowded and buffeted having to be steadied off heels passing the 125 metres when racing in tight quarters when PORT STEPHENS (K Asano) who was laying in and shifted in forcing RAISE YA CARDS onto JANGLES with that runner then in turn laying outwards onto RAISE YA CARDS After interviewing riders and viewing replays Stewards took the matter no further other than to advise rider K Asano that he should make a greater effort to keep his mount straight particularly early in the run home when they are hanging.

PORT STEPHENS (K Asano) – Tongue tie came off prior to the start and could not be refitted. Lay in throughout the run home.

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