



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton
Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Good 4
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: R Haley (Chair), J Oatham, V Fisher, R Quirk
Vet: A Corser BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:		Canterbury Jockey Club - 11 April 2026
	Race 8	D Cooper BETTY SPAGHETTI Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$625
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	Race 3	J Taplin DOROTHEA Adding gear after weighing out (girth sleeve) [Rule 619(3)] \$200
	7	B Murray PIRATES 'N' GOLD Unable to make contracted weight [Rule 346(3)] \$300
Warnings:	Race 3	C Campbell LADY MELL Shifting ground 300 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
	6	S Mxothwa CANDLE Whip use arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 1	DE PAZZI Required to trial
	1	PATCH OF SUNSHINE Required to trial
	8	CUTOUT Cardiac Arrhythmia. Veterinary certificate required
Follow Up:	Nil	
Rider Changes:	Race 7	PIRATES 'N' GOLD A Balloo replaced B Murray (Overweight)
Late Scratchings:	Nil	
Medical	Nil	
Certificates:		
Swabbing:		REVISION, SHE'S SINATRA, ALIENA, MOMENTO, RED MOON RISING, OUR SALLYANN, INCREDIBLE, CHAMPAGNE DIBLU, BALLISTIC MISS, SACRED DIOR

GENERAL

Workplace drug testing was carried out at today's meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Canterbury Jockey Club at Riccarton Park – Saturday 11 April 2026

Race 8 – TAB SOUTHERN ALPS CHALLENGE OPEN HANDICAP 1600m

D Cooper (BETTY SPAGHETTI) - Admitted a charge arising from an adjourned inquiry in that he struck his mount BETTY SPAGHETTI on eight occasions prior to the 100 metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$625.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1	HYGAIN STAYERS CHALLENGE MAIDEN 2200m
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DE PAZZI (C Campbell) - Shifted inwards at the start crowding PATCH OF SUNSHINE. Became under pressure passing the 1400 metres and was not persevered with from the 1100 metres. When questioned regarding performance, rider was unable to offer any excuse. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Connections were advised that DE PAZZI is required to trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing again. Trainer L Prendergast advised that the mare is now likely to be retired from racing.

PATCH OF SUNSHINE (B Jacobson) - Began awkwardly and was then crowded losing ground. Raced at the rear throughout and was not persevered with in the straight. Connections were advised the gelding is required to trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next due its lack of competitiveness.

REVISION (E Nicholas) - Slow to begin.

UNWOKE (T Comignaghi) - Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race.

WATSON (Y Atchamah) - Held up passing the 800 metres behind the weakening SAILOR SAM.

SAILOR SAM (A Riddell) - When questioned regarding performance, rider was of the opinion the gelding had not been suited by the firmer nature of the track. The stable representative indicated that the gelding will now be sent for a spell.

Race 2	PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST MAIDEN 1600m
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THE RINGMASTER (B Murray) - Slow to begin.

PERCIVAL (D Bothamley) - Slow to begin.

NO TRUMPS (A Balloo) - Slow to begin. Rider lost his whip passing the 300 metres.

FLYING ANGEL (K Kwo) - Slow to begin.

DARK MATTER (B Jacobson) - Shifted outwards abruptly crossing the junction at the 1500 metres hampering HOLD'EM RANSOM, LOOSE KNICKERS, KNIGHT GURU and LATER BOY. Lay outwards rounding the final bend. Rider advised that the gelding had hung throughout causing him some difficulty.

HOLD'EM RANSOM (A Riddell) - Hampered passing the 1500 metres.

LOOSE KNICKERS (K Mudhoo) - Hampered passing the 1500 metres. Lay inwards in the early stages of the run home having to be corrected.

KNIGHT GURU (Y Atchamah) - Hampered passing the 1500 metres. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

LATER BOY (T Comignaghi) - Hampered passing the 1500 metres. Held up rounding the final bend until passing the 300 metres. Inconvenienced in the concluding stages.

UNWANTED (B May) - Over raced in the early stages.

HEARTBREAKER (C Campbell) - Held up rounding the final bend until the latter stages of the run home.

FAH RONG (K Hercock) - Held up in the early and middle stages of the run home.

SHE'S SINATRA (L Hemi) - Lay out over the concluding stages having to be corrected inconveniencing LATER BOY.

Race 3	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN F&M 1400m
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ANDINA (K Bakker) - Slow to begin.

ALIENA (M Hudson) - Jumped away awkwardly and was then crowded when runners to its outside shifted ground and as a result lost ground.

MOONLIGHTING (K Hercock) - Shifted inwards at the start hampering VOGUISH which was then forced inwards into the line of ANDINA. Raced four wide without cover throughout. Crowded having to steady passing the 300 metres.

VOGUISH (O Najib) - Hampered and forced inwards at the start.

SHEZZACRUSHER (B Jacobson) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

RIPICOLA (A Riddell) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

LADY MELL (C Campbell) – Shifted ground inwards crowding MOONLIGHTING which had to steady passing the 300 metres.

C Campbell (LADY MELL) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount LADY MELL to shift inwards crowding MOONLIGHTING passing the 300 metres.

J Taplin (DOROTHEA) - Fined \$200 under the Minor Infringement Schedule after adding a girth sleeve after weighing out.

Race 4	NZB MEGA MAIDEN SERIES MAIDEN 1200m
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BATIRAS (B Murray) - Slow to begin.

RED MOON RISING (K Mudhoo) - Slow to begin. Had to be steadied off the heels of QUERIDA passing the 600 metres. Had to shift outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

WAT HO WATTY (A Lai) - Crowded at the start losing ground when runners either side shifted ground. Trailed the field and lay out throughout finishing a distant last.

MOMENTO (C Campbell) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Lay in under pressure throughout the run home having to be corrected by its rider.

IT WON'T BE YOU (K Kwo) - Raced three wide without cover throughout and was inclined to hang outwards.

DUBONNET ROUGE (K Bakker) - Raced four wide without cover throughout.

OUR SALLYANN (O Najib) - Raced in restricted room for a distance passing the 600 metres.

GOTA HUNCH (J Taplin) - Held up rounding the final bend and again in the latter stages of the run home.

POSHROC (K Hercock) - Held up rounding the final turn.

QUERIDA (A Riddell) - Held up throughout the run home.

Race 5	THE PETER & DAWN WILLIAMS 2200M
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HEREIGOAGAIN (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.

HONOKA (M Hudson) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Rider dropped her whip near the 200 metres.

HEY MICKEY (K Bakker) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

AMIINIT (K Hercock) - Over raced through the early and middle stages.

INCREDIBLE (J Taplin) - Held up rounding the final bend, only obtaining clear running passing the 150 metres.

Race 6	THE JAN HAY 1200M
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SHAWSHANK (M Hudson) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection at the start after proving difficult to control during the preliminary and was cleared to race.

MIS SPEAKS (T Moseley) - Slow to begin.

HOORAY FOR HARRY (A Riddell) - Slow to begin.

CANDLE (S Mxothwa) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend.

ELUSIVE IMPACT (T Comignaghi) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

FIRST DANCE (J Taplin) - When questioned regarding performance, rider was unable to offer any excuse, advising that the mare had been disappointing and he had recommended to connections removing the blinkers.

S Mxothwa (CANDLE) - Issued with a warning for his use of the whip which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height.

Race 7	THE DAVID WALSH 1600M
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BALLISTIC MISS (T Comignaghi) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection at the barriers and was cleared to race.

PIRATES 'N' GOLD (A Balloo) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected losing ground.

DELMONICO (K Mudhoo) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected losing ground.

LADY GEORGIANA (K Hercock) - Over raced through the early and middle stages.

COSMETIC VIRTUE (E Nicholas) - Rider dropped her whip near the 100 metres.

B Murray PIRATES 'N' GOLD - Admitted a charge in that he was unable to make the contracted weight for PIRATES 'N' GOLD. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300, with B Murray being replaced by A Balloo.

Race 8	THE DANIEL STACKHOUSE 1400M
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BELLUTTA (Y Atchamah) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected then blundered on jumping losing ground.

RETROSTAR (A Balloo) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

PORTHOUSE LADY (E Nicholas) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

SAINT BRIGID (B Murray) - Slow to begin.

MOOR (C Campbell) - Slow to begin.

SARISSA (L Hemi) - Slow to begin.

CUTOUT (K Mudhoo) - Gave ground from the 700 metres finishing a distant last. Underwent a post-race veterinary inspection which revealed the gelding to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Co-trainer J Parsons was advised that CUTOUT will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres.

TRADER INN (K Bakker) - Lay in throughout the run home having to be corrected by its rider.

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