

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Oamaru Harness Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> of September 2013
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Fast		
<b>Rail:</b>	n/a		
<b>Stewards:</b>	N Ydgren (Chairman), S Wallis & M Zarb		
<b>Typist:</b>	K Jones		

## GENERAL:

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## SUPPLEMENTARY

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## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	<b>IRISH KATH, XMAS JOY BELLE, ONEDIN MACH, FAIR DINKUM BROMAC, FRANCO LEDGER, BETTER THAN MONEY.</b>		
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race		Nil
<b>Protests:</b>	Race		Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Race		Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race	1	<b>B Butt</b> (GEORGIE MACH) – Warned to make a greater effort to ensure contact is not made with track markers.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Race		Nil
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race	2	<b>BREENY'S SMILE</b> – Removed from the unruly.
	Race	4	<b>BACK PAY</b> – Warned racing manners.
	Race	4	<b>DREAMCOAT</b> – Warned racing manners.
	Race	8	<b>IDLE BONES</b> – Placed on the unruly standing starts.
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	<b>DEVIL MAY CARE</b> – Stood down pending ECG.		
<b>Rider/Driver Changes:</b>	Race		Nil
<b>Scratching Penalties:</b>	4 days up-to and including 19 <sup>th</sup> of September 2013 <b>FILIGREE SHEREE, LITTLE MO, BEST JET, BADGIRLSRBEST</b> 10 days up-to and including 25 <sup>th</sup> of September 2013 <b>SUPER TROOPER, BANK RAIDER, TAN SON NHUT, REAL KAMWOOD</b>		
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Nil		

## RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>SOUTHERN WINES MOBILE PACE 2000M</b>
<p><b>ANGELAS IMAGE</b> was slightly out of position at dispatch despite the efforts of driver V Atherton. Racing into the bend near the 1100 metres both <b>IRISH KATH</b> and <b>GEORGIE MACH</b> hung outwards leading them to race some distance away from the marker line.</p> <p><b>SINGER SU</b> which raced keenly in the middle stages proceeded to give ground from the 400 metres and when doing so raced awkwardly which inconvenienced <b>SIKEDA</b>.</p> <p><b>PLAYAWAY</b> was held up on the final turn by <b>SOUNDS SWIFT</b> which was losing ground. <b>SOUNDS SWIFT</b> then hung outwards and broke further inconveniencing <b>PLAYAWAY</b>.</p> <p><b>GEORGIE MACH</b> struck pylons on the final bend. Driver B Butt was reprimanded for failing to make sufficient effort to ensure that this did not happen.</p>	

**INCREDIBLE ANVIL** hung inwards in the early stages of the run home and broke after becoming awkwardly placed close to the sulky of **IRISH KATH**. As a result of this **FLEETS CLASSY JET** had to be steadied and shift ground wider. Trainer driver G Smith when questioned regarding the performance of his filly advised that she had raced greenly throughout but felt she would take considerable improvement from the run.

**Race 2** | **MONARCHY TROT 2600M**

**LADY HEST** broke at the start and then again when racing down the back straight on the first occasion losing its chance. **LAST LOVE** broke shortly after the start and again on the first turn also extinguishing its chance. Despite being urged along in the early stages **TROUBLE ADO** struggled to maintain its position in the field. **QUEEN MARY** raced keenly during the middle stages. **TROUBLE ADO** hung inwards on the final bend and raced roughly on the run home. With approximately 100 metres remaining **QUEEN MARY** broke. **BREENY'S SMILE** was removed from the unruly for future standing starts.

**Race 3** | **MORRISONS SADDLERY & FEED MOBILE PACE**

**HEAVENLY CREATURE** raced roughly on the final bend and again in the closing stages.

**Race 4** | **NORTH OTAGO MOTOR GROUP PACE 2600M**

The start of this race was delayed due to the sulky seat of **CAESAR** requiring attention. **CAESAR** broke briefly at the start. **DREAMCOAT** broke briefly shortly after the start and again when racing into the first bend with this causing some inconvenience to **TAIA'S KID**. A warning was placed on the racing manners of **DREAMCOAT**. With approximately 1100 metres to run **BACK PAY** when leading broke momentarily and ran outwards before settling and racing in the parked position thereafter. This gelding then broke again racing around the final turn. Both **DREAMCOAT** and **SPIRIT OF CHRONOS** raced roughly on the final bend and had to be steadied by their respective drivers. When questioned regarding the performance of **BACK PAY** trainer driver G Smith explained that the gelding had been striking his sulky wheels throughout and he would now look to use a different sulky on this horse. Stewards sent **BACKPAY** to be examined by the vet however no abnormalities were found. Stewards placed a warning on the horse's record. N Williamson reported that he had not activated his removable deafeners on winner **ONEDIN MACH**. Stewards delayed the all clear until such time that P Wakelin as the driver of **TAIA'S KID** had confirmed that her chances had not been affected when inconvenienced by **DREAMCOAT** galloping on the first turn.

**Race 5** | **WAITAKI REFRIGERATION SERVICES MOBILE PACE 2600M**

**MADIBA MAGIC** broke in the score up and lost a considerable amount of ground. **MADIBA MAGIC** raced keenly in the middle stages when positioned to the outside of leader **ROCKY ROAD** pressuring this runner for some distance and also causing driver K Butt considerable difficulty. Stewards spoke with Junior Driver K Butt, assisted by senior horseman A Butt, regarding the run of **MADIBA MAGIC** and her decision to improve forwards at the 1700 metres after losing such a large amount of ground in the early stages. Miss K Butt explained the horse had dipped its head in the score up and broken with her being unable to re-settle this horse. Miss Butt said that the horse had travelled off the bit when trailing the field and it had been her intention to settle last and hope for a for a cart forwards at some stage but once within close proximity to the field it had commenced to race fiercely leaving her with no option but to allow the horse to improve forwards. Mr A Butt confirmed that **MADIBA MAGIC** could be a particularly difficult horse to drive when positioned in or behind the field as he had learnt from previous experience but felt that from its front line draw would have been able to lead where it races a lot more tractably. Stewards took the matter no further other than to place a warning on the racing record of this horse. When questioned with regards to the performance of **DROVER'S EYRE** which weakened passing the 500 metres driver C Hunter explained that the gelding had travelled lethargically throughout and that she had been disappointed with his efforts in the last 500 metres. Miss Hunter further said she felt the gelding had on occasions objected to the grit-track kickback and felt the horse may appreciate racing on grass surfaces more so than the all-weather tracks. Stewards sent **DROVER'S EYRE** to be examined by the vet which revealed no abnormalities. Stewards spoke with Trainer M Brown who advised that he will have blood taken from the gelding and would notify the Stewards if any irregularity becomes apparent or if any other issue comes to light which would help to explain the run.

**Race 6** | **FAT SALL'S BAR & GRILL HANDICAP PACE 2600M**

When negotiating the first turn **DEVIL MAY CARE** when leading broke and shifted outwards enabling **TYRON'S FALCON ELLA** to improve to its inside and take the lead.

**DEVIL MAY CARE** settled three back on the fence and struggled to maintain its position from then onwards. This horse was retired from the race with 1400 metres remaining. A post-race veterinary examination of this horse revealed the horse had suffered an atrial fibrillation. The connections were advised that the horse must undergo and pass an ECG test prior to resuming.

**EYRE COUNTY** had difficulty gaining clear racing room in the early stages of the run home.

Stewards questioned M Jones as the trainer of **FAIR DINKUM BROMAC** regarding the improved performance of this horse. Mr Jones advised that the gelding in its last two races had worked in the early and middle stages and had been unable to sustain any sprint at the finish and for that reason he had concluded that this horse was best driven with a sit and when able to do no work at any stage. Mr Jones added that he had altered the training regime of the horse by adding beach work to it's programme which he felt also may have assisted. The comments of Mr Jones were noted.

**Race 7** | **PGG WRIGHTSON HANNAN MEMORIAL FFA PACE (STAND) 2600M**

**HIGHVIEW TOMMY, FRANCO LEDGER** tangled briefly at the start.

**BETTER TO BE BAD** broke briefly and when doing so shifted outwards which briefly caused **MAH SISH** to race in restricted room.

**MAH SISH** hung inwards when improving wide around the field at the 1800 metres.

When questioned regarding the run of **MAH SISH** driver A Butt explained that after being hampered slightly at the start he had been left with little option but to improve wide in the middle stages and then after reaching the front had been granted little respite from the parked **FOUR STARZZZ FLASH**. Mr Butt added that these factors combined with the fast final sectional had contributed to the horse being unable to feature in the final stages. Mr Butt also advised he anticipated the horse would take considerable benefit from the first up run.

**Race 8** | **SPRINGBANK HANDICAP TROT 2600M**

**IDLE BONES, MR MERLIN** and **FOREVERMAN** broke at the start, with **MRS TWOBOP** being checked by galloping runners.

Approaching the 2200 metres **FACE VALUE** broke losing ground.

Racing towards the 1400 metres **FACE VALUE** again broke but settled quickly.

**THE BLAZING CONMAN** cast a plate during the running.

Passing the 700 metres **FOREVERMAN** broke again hampering the trailing **IDLE BONES**.

At the request of the connections **IDLE BONES** will now be drawn unruly for upcoming standing starts.

**Race 9** | **NORTH OTAGO PASTORAL SERVICES PACE 2600M**

**K C PEDRO** and **BETTER THAN MONEY** broke as the start was effected with **K C PEDRO** losing all chance.

Approaching the 2300 metres **BILLY JACK** broke and lost ground and broke again passing the 900 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of this horse driver B Butt explained the horse had been striking it's shin boots and he would be recommending to the trainers that gear adjustments be made and that the horse be restricted to grass tracks for immediate racing.

**JOHNNY EYRE** and **CLASSIEBEE** locked wheels near the 700 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **JOHNNY EYRE** driver R Holmes advised the horse had disappointed him with it's efforts in the final stages. Stewards requested a Post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Stewards spoke with Trainer M Brown who advised that he will have blood taken and will notify Stewards if any irregularity becomes apparent that would help to explain the run.

When questioned regarding the improved performance of **BETTER THAN MONEY** stable representative J Dunn explained the horse had appreciated the drop back in class which they had been able to gain through the use of a Junior concession claim.