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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, September 17, 2007 through Sunday, September 23, 2007. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

### Monday

09/17/07 (1) **Dark Day**

### Tuesday

09/18/07 (1) **Entries for Friday**

The race office was open this morning taking entries for Friday September 21, 2007.

At the draw conducted this morning, there were one hundred seventeen (117) horses drawn into fourteen (14) races. Scratch time will be at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow (September 19, 2007).

Due to track re-surfacing, racing will be conducted on only two (2) days this week, Friday September 21, 2007 and Saturday September 22, 2007.

09/18/07 (2) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

09/19/07 (1)

**Scratch Time for Friday**

At scratch time for Friday September 21, 2007 there were nine (9) driver changes and no scratches.

09/19/07 (2)

**Entries for Saturday**

The race office was open this morning taking entries for Saturday September 22, 2007. Scratch time will be at the draw.

At the draw conducted this morning there were one hundred and sixteen (116) horses drawn in to fourteen (14) races. Scratch time was at the draw.

09/19/07 (3)

**Dark Day****Thursday**

09/20/07 (1)

**Dark Day****Friday**

09/21/07 (1)

**Entries for Qualifying Races**

The race office was open today taking entries for the qualifying races to be conducted at 4:00 p.m. today. Forty-three (43) horses were scheduled to compete in seven (7) races.

09/21/07 (2)

**Qualifying Races**

Seven (7) qualifying races were held beginning at 4:00 p.m., under the supervision of Stewards Baker and Meyers. In these events thirty-one (31) horses were successful in their qualifying efforts.

09/21/07 (3)

**Second Race – Driver Sanction**

Immediately after the finish of Race #2, the driver of #3 “Metekas” (Rick Plano) was contacted by the stewards and questioned concerning the stretch drive, during which Driver Plano was observed with his right foot out of the stirrup. Driver Plano affirmed the stewards’ observation. Driver Plano was assessed a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine. See Ruling #36.

09/21/07 (4)

**Third Race – Driver Review**

After the conclusion of Race #3 Driver Scott U’Ren was contacted by the stewards and was told to appear in the Stewards’ Office tomorrow, September 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to review films of the final quarter of this event, specifically his actions which followed a break in stride by his horse #8 “A Dane’s Babe”, who finished tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and last in the event. More to follow.

09/21/07 (5) **Fifth Race – Refusal- Pari-Mutual Refund**

When the starter called the field 'to the gate', to begin Race #5, the pre-race favorite #5 "Cautious Spirit N", driven by Rick Plano, refused to hit 'his gait' and attempted to veer sharply to his right. The starter proceeded with the start and the stewards posted the 'inquiry' sign.

At the conclusion of the race, after communication with Starter Bill Vallandingham and Driver Rick Plano, the stewards concluded that #5 "Cautious Spirit N" had refused to come to the gate, thus did not receive a fair start and thus ordered a refund of all pari-mutuel wagers. The total refund amount was \$25,499, which includes the 'on track' refund amount of \$1325.

Subsequently, #5 "Cautious Spirit N" was placed on the 'Steward's List' for a period of thirty (30) days and was required to qualify twice before being allowed to participate in any pari-mutuel event. The horse will be allowed to 'qualify' during his time on the Steward's List. Driver/Trainer Plano was advised that any further incidents of this nature would result in the horse being 'barred' from further participation at this meet.

Driver Plano was held blameless in this situation.

09/21/07 (6) **Fifth Race – Claim**

#6 "Interview Hanover" was claimed from Gilbert Herrera for \$5,000. The owner will be Drew Anderson and the trainer will be Bob Johnson.

09/21/07 (7) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

During the stretch in this event, #3 "Can't Fault Sam", driven by Tim Maier, was observed making a very brief 'break in stride' mid stretch. After reviewing films, the stewards concluded that both the horse and Driver Maier had 'complied' with the breaking rule and no change was warranted.

Official order of finish: 3-5-7-1-8-9-10-2-6-4

09/21/07 (8) **Ninth Race – Claim**

#9 "Only In California" was claimed from Kennedy and Cynthia Lindsey for \$5,850. The owner will be Frank Petrelli and Bardonia Stables and the trainer will be Frank Petrelli.

09/21/07 (9) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/Placing**

During the stretch drive #4 “Anns Nestegg”, driven by Luke Plano, broke stride and continued ‘off stride’ through the finish. After reviewing films the stewards concluded that #3 “Chicote” was the only remaining participant that had a reasonable opportunity to finish ahead of #4 because the remainder of the field had taken themselves out of contention by earlier breaks in stride. Therefore, #4 was disqualified and placed behind #2 in the official order of finish.

Driver Luke Plano was held blameless in this situation.

Original order of finish: 5-7-3-4-2-1-6

Official order of finish: 5-7-3-2-4-1-6

09/21/07 (10) **Thirteenth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

During the stretch drive #1 “Rompaway Vincent” made a ‘break in stride’ that continued through the finish. The stewards immediately posted the ‘inquiry’ sign and, after reviewing films, concluded that #1 was in violation of the ‘breaking rule’ in that #1:

- Made an extended break (in excess of 1/16 mile)
- Failed to lose ground while on a break

Additionally, #1 was ‘lapped on’ by #7 “Green Grass N” at the finish.

Subsequently, the stewards disqualified #1, who finished fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and placed him eighth (8<sup>th</sup>), as it was the opinion of the stewards that #'s 2,3,4 and 7 would have had an opportunity for a ‘better placing’ had #1 not had multiple violations of the ‘breaking rule’.

Driver Gilbert Herrera was held blameless in this incident.

Upon announcement of the official order of finish, the Trainer of #1 “Rompaway Vincent”, R. Bertrand, contacted the stewards by telephone and was quite vocal in expressing his disagreement with the stewards’ decision. Mr. Bertrand was invited to the stewards’ office tomorrow, September 22, 2007 to review films of the race.

Original order of finish: 9-8-6-1-7-4-3-2-5

Official order of finish: 9-8-6-7-4-3-2-1-5

09/21/07 (11) **Program Changes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race Program Correction - #3 "Lonnie Mack" – Tr. Ed Hensley  
Add 'Lasix 1<sup>st</sup> Time' – Program Error
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration - #6 "Columbia Court" – Tr. Gilbert Herrera  
Refund: \$2                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Program Correction - #5 "Hoosier Rambo" – Tr. Rocky Stidham  
Owner Rocky Stidham – Recent purchase, Delaware Ohio sale
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race Horse Scratched - #5 "Cautious Spirit N" – Trainer Rick Plano  
Refund: \$1320                  Horse refused to come to gate
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #9 "Lodi Governor" – Tr. Harris Levin  
Should not have a claiming price – Race office error
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #10 "P.J.'s" Rustler" – Tr. Frank Petrelli  
Driver change from Richard Wojcio to Scott Cisco – Sick
- 12<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #3 "Sycamore Molly" – Tr. Frank Petrelli  
Races with trotting hobbles/has previously race with trotting hobbles
- 13<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction – #2 "Eddie Spaghetti" – Tr. Steve Wiseman  
Races with trotting hobbles/qualified with trotting hobbles
- 14<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #5 "New York Doll N" – Tr. Frank Petrelli  
Owner should read Bardonia Stables, Bardonia, New York
- 14<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 "Credible Preciosa" – Trainer Jose Ramirez  
Refund: \$41                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/21/07 (12) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	441
Live Handle (On Track)	\$50,139
Handle (In State)	\$467,494
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$290,294</u>
Total Handle	\$807,926

**Saturday**09/22/07 (1) **Draw for Thursday**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Thursday September 27, 2007. One hundred five (105) horses were drawn into twelve (12) races with scratch time at 8:00 p.m. this evening.

At scratch time there were zero (0) scratches and three (3) driver changes.

09/22/07 (2) **Film Review – Scott U'Ren**

Driver Scott U'Ren attended with the stewards to review films of Race #3 from the September 21<sup>st</sup> card. Past the 3/4 pole, Driver U'Ren's mount #8 "A Dane's Babe" broke stride and Driver U'Ren was observed whipping the horse while on a break and again after the horse came back to it's proper gait.

Driver U'Ren was very forthcoming concerning allowing his emotions to get the better of him and agreed this was not proper.

The stewards unanimously agreed that in light of Mr. U'Ren's clean record and candid attitude that a warning was in order.

Mr. U'Ren seemed appreciative of this result and promised to avoid any re-occurrence.

09/22/07 (3) **Film Review – Richard Bertrand**

Trainer Richard Bertrand attended with the stewards to review films of Race #13 from the September 21<sup>st</sup> card. In particular, the stretch drive. After an uncharacteristically calm, polite discussion Mr. Bertrand was unconvinced that the stewards had made the correct call.

09/22/07 (4) **Twelfth Race – Pylon Violation – Driver Sanction**

During the stretch drive #3 “Tag N Win”, driven by Ed Hensley, was observed striking two (2) pylons and being inside one (1) pylon.

Since #3 gained no advantage by this action, the stewards determined that no placings were warranted.

Driver Hensley, when contacted by the stewards, took responsibility for the violation and accepted the penalty with no protest. See Ruling #38.

09/22/07 (5) **Thirteenth Race – Claim**

#3 “Eicarls Colonel D” was claimed from Bardonia Stables and Frank Petrelli for \$3,000. The owner will be Matias Ruiz and the trainer will be Matias Ruiz.

09/22/07 (6) **Program Changes**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “Nextopmodel” – Trainer Elizabeth Foley

Refund: \$0                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “D Jokerman” – Trainer George Reider

Refund: \$0                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #5 “Real Pro K” – Trainer Tom Wine II

Refund: \$0                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/22/07 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	491
Live Handle (On Track)	\$59,914
Handle (In State)	\$516,146
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$366,824</u>
Total Handle	\$942,884

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

- 09/21/07 32 Trainer Frank Petrelli, who was scheduled to race “Arizona Cactus” in the Third Race on Saturday September 15, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Programmed Owner Failed to be Properly Licensed).
- 09/21/07 33 Driver Luke Plano, who drove “Well Heeled” in the Fifth Race on Saturday September 15, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Talking During Post Parade).
- 09/21/07 34 Driver Ed Hensley, who drove “Rod’s Famous Ribs” in the Fifth Race on Saturday September 15, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Talking During Post Parade).
- 09/21/07 35 Driver Richard Wojcio, who drove “Nightmareonelm” in the Seventh Race on Saturday, September 15, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (F) (Driving Rules – Carry a Horse Out Past the 3/4 Pole).
- 09/22/07 36 Driver Rick Plano, who drove “Metekas” in the Second Race on Friday September 21, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Driving with Foot Out of Stirrup).

## W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT -**

The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

### **VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
21-Sep	2	6	COLUMBIA COURT	HERRERA	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.00
	14	7	CREDIBLE PRECIOSA	RAMIREZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$41.30
22-Sep	3	6	NEXTOPMODEL	FOLEY	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	8	6	D JOKERMAN	REIDER	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	9	5	REAL PRO K	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00

### **WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	5,200.80
Bay Meadows	\$	74,053.90
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	7,262.00
Fresno Club One	\$	3,676.80
Golden Gate	\$	48,292.80
Monterey	\$	-
Pleasanton	\$	23,305.50
Sacramento	\$	95,974.90
San Jose	\$	35,382.20
Santa Rosa	\$	9,856.90
Stockton	\$	19,425.90
Tulare	\$	1,530.70
Turlock	\$	1,496.40
Vallejo	\$	16,180.70
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	657,117.72

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

**SUMMARY**

**2007/2008**

	<b>Mon 09/17</b>	<b>Tues 09/18</b>	<b>Wed 09/19</b>	<b>Thurs 09/20</b>	<b>Fri 09/21</b>	<b>Sat 09/22</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Disqualification's</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Baker and Meyers were in attendance.**

**All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**