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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 10, 2007 through Sunday, December 16, 2007. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

12/10/07 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

12/11/07 (1) **Entries for 12/14/07 and 12/15/07**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday, December 14, 2007 and Saturday, December 15, 2007.

12/11/07 (2) **Draw for 12/14/07**

The draw for Friday, December 14, 2007 was held at 1:30 p.m. this date. Ninety one (91) horses were drawn to compete in twelve (12) events. Scratch time is at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, December 13, 2007.

12/11/07 (3) **Partial Draw for 12/15/07**

Immediately following the draw for Friday, December 14, 2007 a partial draw was conducted for Saturday, December 15, 2007. At this draw six (6) races were drawn. The remainder of this card will be completed on Thursday, December 13, 2007 with scratches due at the draw.

12/11/07 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

12/12/07 (1)

Scratches for 12/14/07

Scratch time for the program for December 14, 2007, was today at 9:00 a.m. At scratch time there were five (5) driver changes and no scratches.

12/12/07 (2)

Qualifying Entries

At 9:00 a.m. this morning entries for qualifying races were taken. These races are to be held at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. There are Twenty eight (28) horses scheduled to compete in five (5) races.

12/12/07 (3)

Nicolo/Meyers

Steward Paul Nicolo is substituting for Steward Will Meyers this evening, so that Will can celebrate his wedding anniversary.

12/12/07 (4)

Film Review/Paquet

Driver Fern Paquet Jr. attended with the stewards to review films of Race #13 on Saturday, December 8, 2007. In this race Driver Paquet, with #1A "The Gangster N", from post position seven, went to the lead in a quarter timed in 27³. During the second quarter mile, the pace slowed considerably, causing some problems for the trailing horses. Driver Paquet argued that his horse was rank compounded by a strong headwind. The stewards, after a lengthy discussion, determined that a warning was in order and one was issued.

12/12/07 (5)

Qualifying Races

Commencing at 4:00 p.m., five (5) qualifying races were conducted under the supervision of Stewards Baker and Nicolo. In these events twenty three (23) of twenty six (26) horses were successful in their qualifying efforts.

12/12/07 (6)

First Race – Driver James Kennedy

At the conclusion of Race #1 Driver James Kennedy was contacted by the stewards and advised his presence was required in the steward's office to view films of Race #1 tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

12/12/07 (7)

Program Changes

8th Race Declaration - #9 "King Of War" – Trainer Earl Kennedy
 Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #2 "Western Bruce" – Trainer Matias Ruiz
 Refund: \$2 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/12/07 (8)

Attendance and Handle

Attendance	100
Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,373
Handle (In State)	\$329,700
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$213,069</u>
Total Handle	<u>\$587,142</u>

Thursday

- 12/13/07 (1) **Completion of Draw for Saturday 12/15/07**
 The race office was open Thursday to accept entries and complete the card for 12/15/07. At 11:00 a.m. seven (7) races were drawn to compliment the six (6) races drawn previously. This resulted in a thirteen (13) race program with one hundred one (101) participants.
- 12/13/07 (2) **California Sire Stakes**
 The program for Saturday, December 15, 2007 includes a California Sire Stake event for 3 year old colts and geldings. This event has ten (10) participants in the final California Sire Stake event of the year.
- 12/13/07 (3) **Bingo Bingo/James Guagliardo**
 Driver/Trainer James Guagliardo visited the steward's office to discuss a situation that developed as a direct result of the introduction of the 'eTrack' system in the Cal-Expo race office. This involves the handling of transfers and leases. The stewards are in contact with the USTA concerning this situation.
- 12/13/07 (4) **James Kennedy Film Review**
 Driver James Kennedy visited with the stewards to review films of Race #1 on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. A situation developed at the top of the stretch when #3 "El Grande Real", driven by Kennedy, assumed the lead at the head of the stretch while traveling in the #5 path. Through the stretch #1 drifted in, causing #2 "Rad Gumbo", driven by F. Paquet Jr., to alter course while attempting to overtake #3 "El Grande Real", who he was finally able to pass. However, the stewards, after reviewing films, determined that Driver Kennedy was guilty of a rule infraction and a sanction was ordered. See Ruling #92.
- 12/13/07 (5) **Seventh Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 The stewards posted the 'inquiry' immediately at the conclusion of Race #7 to investigate an incident in which #3 "Cautious Spirit N", driven by R. Plano, (who was battling for the lead with horses on his outside) was observed inside three (3) pylons. After reviewing films the stewards confirmed the original observations and #3, who finished third (3rd), was disqualified and placed eighth (8th) for violation of the pylon rule. Upon further discussion the stewards, by a majority vote (Steward Oke dissenting), placed #3 on the 'steward's list', thus mandating #3 must participate in a qualifying race before being allowed to race in an 'overnight event'. Driver Plano was held blameless in this incident.
- Original order of finish: 1A-2-3-1-4-5-7-6
 Official order of finish: 1A-2-1-4-5-7-6-3
- 12/13/07 (6) **Seventh Race – Claim**
 #1A "EJ" - claimed from Owen Eiler and Frank Petrelli for \$4,500. The new owner will be Matias Ruiz and the trainer will be Matias Ruiz.
- 12/13/07 (7) **Entry ID Problems**

During the course of this evenings program it was realized by the racing officials and the stewards that the identification system previously utilized to identify coupled entries for pari-mutuel purposes, i.e. 1A, 2B etc, was not allowed under the 'eTrack' system. In the future these entries will be identified as 1A, 2A, 3A. This change will require changes in saddle pads, T.V. overlays, etc.

12/13/07 (8) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declaration - #1A "Special Edition N" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 8th Race Declaration - #7 "Harmony" – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 9th Race Declaration - #4 OG's Suzie P" – Trainer Tom Wine II
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 #6 "My Mightie Nightie" – Trainer Rick Plano
 Refund: \$5 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 #7 "Gamblers Girl" – Trainer Tom Wine II
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Program Correction #4 "Hoosier Wildcat"
 Should read continues on Lasix

12/13/07 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	241
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,151
Handle (In State)	\$357,937
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$231,538</u>
Total Handle	\$623,626

Thursday

12/14/07 (1) **First Race – Tote Problems**

Immediately prior to the start of Race #1 it was discovered by the placing judge (Donna Newman) that the tote system was 'froze'. Utilizing communication between the tote room and the placing judge, the race was completed with no problems. There was a 2 – 3 minute delay in posting the prices. The system was 'rebooted' and there were no more problems throughout the card.

12/14/07 (2) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration - #1 "Looking At You" – Trainer Lou Pena
 Refund: \$88 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 7th Race Declaration - #6 "British Start" – Trainer Jean MacDonell
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 10th Race Declaration - #1 "Lost Then Found" – Trainer Nate Kemp
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #1 "Enunciator" – Trainer Jean MacDonell
 Refund: \$15 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/14/07 (3) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	331
Live Handle (On Track)	\$51,257

Handle (In State)	\$576,714
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$374,996</u>
Total Handle	\$1,002,967

Friday

12/15/07 (1)

Ruling #89 Amended

Ruling #89, issued previously as a result of a Stipulated Agreement between the California Horse Racing Board and Kathleen Plested, erroneously named the owner of the horse "Casimir Dow Jones". The correct ownership should read Ronnie A. Wakefield and/or The Estate of Ronnie A. Wakefield. The amended ruling contains the correct ownership information.

Ruling # 89 (Amended)

Acting upon a Stipulated Agreement between the California Horse Racing Board and Trainer Kathleen Plested, additionally acting upon a report from Maddy Laboratories at U.C. Davis, an official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post race sample taken from the horse "Casimir Dow Jones", the First Place finisher in the Ninth Race on January 20, 2007, at Cal-Expo, tested positive for the prohibited drugs "Methamphetamine and Amphetamine" (Class 1), it is ordered that "Casimir Dow Jones" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that the owner of "Casimir Dow Jones" (Ronnie A. Wakefield and/or The Estate of Ronnie A. Wakefield) return all purse monies to the Paymaster of Purses at Cal-Expo for redistribution in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Held).

Revised Order of Finish

- 1st "Hippity Hop N"
- 2nd "Jovial Joker N"
- 3rd "Mad River Hanover"
- 4th "Derek Bromac N"
- 5th Wilder Echo"

All records shall be changed to reflect this ruling, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official), this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

12/15/07 (2)

Ruling #90 Amended

A formal hearing was held on November 29th, 2007 charging Mr. Pistochini with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489(G), 1900 & 1900(B). After hearing the case the stewards inadvertently issued Ruling #90 citing Rule #1489(G) as the violation. The above ruling was issued correcting Ruling #90 by citing the correct Rule #1902 (B).

Ruling # 90 (Amended)

Owner Gregg Pistochini is placed on Probation pending disposition of criminal charges in Placer County, California for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902 (B) (Conduct Detrimental to Racing - Widespread Publicity).

During the course of his probation pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) Owner Gregg Pistochini is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/15/07 (3) **Thirteenth Race – Multiple Incidents/Placing**

As the field approached the 1/4 mile pole #1 “This Old Maid”, driven by Scott Cisco, made a break and interfered with #'s 6, 7, 8 & 9. Driver Cisco moved inside the pylons as quickly as possible and avoided any further problems. As a result of this action #1, who finished sixth (6th), was placed eighth (8th) for ‘interference while on a break’. #1 was placed on the steward’s list for multiple breaks and will be required to qualify before further competition.

In this same event #2 “Indicative”, driven by F. Paquet Jr., who was on the lead, suddenly veered towards the outside and pulled herself up. The stewards determined that none of the remainder of the field was inconvenienced by this action. #2 “Indicative” was placed on the steward’s list and will be required to ‘qualify’ before further competition. In both incidents the drivers were held blameless.

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

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

12/15/07 (4) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Program Correction - # 6 “Worldly Possession”

Should State ‘First Time Lasix’ - Trainer Jean MacDonell

4th Race Declaration - #2 “J M Lucky Girl” – Trainer Robley Johnson

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

5th Race Declaration - #4 “I’m Dam Goog” – Trainer Ed Hensley

Refund: \$6 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12th Race Declaration - #1 “N Wong N” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

13th Race Driver Change - #8 “Green And Gold”

Steve Wiseman for Luke Plano – Excused/Sick

12/15/07 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	369
Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,635
Handle (In State)	\$518,034
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$339,071</u>
Total Handle	\$910,740

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

- 12/13/07 Ruling #92 Provisional Driver James Kennedy, who drove "El Grande Real" in the First Race on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (J) (Driving Rules – Changed Course in the Stretch Causing Interference).
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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

Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	1	1	28
Claims	R	R	0	1	0	0	1	76
Disqualification's	K	K	0	1	0	1	2	32
Inquiries	D	D	0	1	0	1	2	77
Refunds	A	A	2	1	2	1	6	67
Rulings	Y	Y	0	1	0	0	1	92

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

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward