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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 19, 2008 through Sunday, May 25, 2008. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

05/19/08 (1) **Draw for Thursday 05/22/08**

Entries were taken and a draw held at 11:00 a.m. for the program to be raced on Thursday May 22, 2008.

Seventy-three (73) head drew in to compete in ten (10) races.

Scratch time will be Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

05/19/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

05/20/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 05/22/08**

At scratch time there were eleven (11) driver changes and no scratches.

05/20/08 (2) **Draw for Friday 05/23/08**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted at 12:00 noon for the program to be raced on Friday May 22, 2008.

One hundred eight (108) horses drew in to thirteen (13) events.

Scratch time will be Wednesday May 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday

05/21/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 05/23/08**

At scratch time there were ten (10) driver changes, one (1) trainer correction and no scratches.

05/21/08 (2) **Qualifying Draw for Thursday 05/22/08**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for five (5) qualifying races with thirty-three (33) horses participating. These races are scheduled for Thursday May 22, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

05/21/08 (3) **Draw for Saturday 05/24/08**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Saturday's thirteen (13) race card, with ninety-two (92) horses scheduled to compete. Scratch time was 'at the draw' with two (2) driver changes the only revisions.

05/21/08 (4) **3 Year Old California Sire Stakes Finals**

There are four (4) 3 Year-Old California Sire Stakes scheduled on Saturday's card with twenty-seven (27) Cal Bred horses scheduled to compete for a purse of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars each division.

05/21/08 (5) **Dark Day**

Thursday

05/22/08 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Five (5) qualifying races were held today commencing at 4:30 p.m. under the supervision of Stewards McLaren and Meyers. In these events twenty (20) of thirty-one (31) competitors were successful in their qualifying efforts.

05/22/08 (2) **Owner Juan Pablo Ramirez Ruling [Ref. 05/06/08 (1)]**

As a result of a formal hearing held May 16, 2008 and due deliberation, the stewards issued the following Ruling #32 in response to California Horse Racing Board Complaint #08SW-0057:

Ruling # 32

Owner Juan Pablo Ramirez is hereby Suspended for One Hundred Eighty (180) Days commencing Monday, May 26, 2008 through Friday, November 21, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband – Multiple Syringes, Needles and Vials of Therapeutic Medications While on the Premises of Cal-Expo).

It is further ordered that Owner Juan Pablo Ramirez be placed on Probation for the term of his license for any similar violations.

During the term of suspension, all license privileges of Juan Pablo Ramirez are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

05/22/08 (3) **Race #5 – Inquiry/Change in Order**

The stewards flashed the ‘inquiry’ sign at the conclusion of the event (a NWI trot) to review several instances of horses ‘breaking stride’ in order to ensure that there were no rule violations. “PJ’s Web” (Steve Wiseman) was found to be in violation of the breaking rule ‘Lapped on Break’. Thus #6 “Ray’s Pride” (Robert Richie), who finished seventh (7th) was placed sixth (6th) while #8 finished sixth (6th) was placed seventh (7th).

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

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

05/22/08 (4) **Race #8 – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit after Race #8 to investigate an incident approaching the 1/2 mile pole involving #2 “Larry Horse” (Luke Plano), #4 “Pirate Hall” (Steve Wiseman) and #8 “Special Edition N” (James Lackey) when the three were in very close quarters. After reviewing films and speaking with the drivers involved, the stewards unanimously concluded there were no rule violations, thus no change.

05/22/08 (5) **Program Changes**

9th Race Declaration - #6 “Clambake” – Trainer Bob Johnson
 Refund: \$25 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

05/22/08 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	179
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$35,067
	Handle (In State)	\$270,493
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$209,727</u>
	Total Handle	\$515,287

Friday

05/23/08 (1) **Photo Finish Lights**
 The stewards have informed Cal Expo Racing Manager David Elliott by telephone that the photo finish lights are in need of repair/improvement. Mr. Elliott has promised to look into the matter and respond to the stewards.

05/23/08 (2) **Clean Card**
 A good night of racing with no significant incidents to report.

05/23/08 (3) **Program Changes**
 3rd Race Declaration - #4 "Red Star Ruffles" – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

05/23/08 (4)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	440
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,755
	Handle (In State)	\$528,006
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$333,755</u>
	Total Handle	\$923,516

Saturday

05/24/08 (1) **Race #3 – Inquiry/No Change**
 The 'inquiry' sign was lit following Race #3 when #1 "London Calling" (Tim Maier), #2 "Mighty Kicker" (Ed Hensley) and #3 "Phipps" (Lou Pena) where all 'offstride' at the wire. After viewing films, the stewards determined that all competitors complied with the 'breaking rule'. Thus no change.

05/24/08 (2) **Race #4 – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 The 'inquiry' sign was lit following Race #4 to investigate an incident in the first turn when several horses went 'off stride' immediately after the start. Of special interest was #1 "Hydropedes" (Lou Pena), who went inside several pylons and was completely off the course. After viewing films, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #1 and place him seventh (7th). Lou Pena contacted the stewards by telephone and expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision.

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

05/24/08 (3) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration - #7 "Giveherthecredit" – Trainer Lisa Van Tassel

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

8th Race Program Correction - #3 "Photo Delight"

Trainer should be Tom Wine

11th Race Declaration – #5 "Diamondback Jack" – Trainer James Covemaker

Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

05/24/08 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	416
Live Handle (On Track)	\$57,440
Handle (In State)	\$474,469
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$321,589</u>
Total Handle	\$853,498

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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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 reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
22-May	9	6	CLAMBAKE	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$25.00
23-May	3	4	RED STAR RUFFLES	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
24-May	3	7	GIVEHERTHECREDIT	VAN TASSEL	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	11	5	DIAMONDBACK JACK	COVEMAKER	Injured	Goodbary	\$1.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	8,594.60
Bay Meadows	\$	73,268.80
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	8,061.40
Fresno Club One	\$	2,115.10
Golden Gate	\$	47,800.60
Monterey	\$	8,221.10
Pleasanton	\$	36,676.20
Sacramento	\$	128,583.30
San Jose	\$	40,747.20
Santa Rosa	\$	8,079.20
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	2,058.90
Turlock	\$	1,720.80
Vallejo	\$	22,787.20
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	865,070.46

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2008

	Mon 05/19	Tues 05/20	Wed 05/21	Thurs 05/22	Fri 05/23	Sat 05/24	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	4	4	16
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	12
Disqualification's	K	K	K	1	0	1	2	23
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	0	2	4	35
Refunds	A	A	A	1	0	1	2	91
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	1	0	0	1	32

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward