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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 20, 2012 through Sunday, February 26, 2012. Steward William Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

2/20/12 (1)

**Entries**

The racing office was open for taking entries for Friday and Saturday. Both days will be drawn tomorrow.

2/20/12 (2)

**Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

2/21/12 (1)

**The Draw for Friday and Saturday**

One hundred seventeen (117) horses are entered for Friday's fifteen (15) race card. No cal-bred races were used. One hundred nine (109) horses are scheduled to compete in Saturday's fifteen (15) races. No cal-bred races were used.

2/21/12 (2)

**Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

2/22/12 (1)

**Changes for Friday and Saturday**

Two scratches and numerous driver changes were submitted for Friday. Three scratches and a few driver changes were made on Saturday's card.

2/22/12 (2)

**Dark Day**

**Thursday**

2/23/12 (1)

**CHRB Approval to Reduce Days**

The Board authorized Cal Expo to amend its license application to eliminate Thursday night racing through the end of the current meet (June

16), meaning harness racing will be offered two nights a week, Friday and Saturday. However, Cal Expo will be required to race Thursday nights if the horse inventory reaches a designated level.

**Friday**

2/24/12 (1)

**Wiseman Ruling**

**RULING # 16**

DRIVER STEVE WISEMAN, WHO DROVE “YOU GO SHIRL” IN THE NINTH RACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (F) (DRIVING RULES – SAT DOWN PAST THE QUARTER CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES).

The above ruling was issued after Wiseman appeared and reviewed last Friday’s ninth race. Wiseman admitted that his mount caused confusion while going a second quarter in 32 3/5 seconds.

2/24/12 (2)

**Fourth Race Disqualification**

#1 “Try This” (David Siegel) went off-stride in the stretch finishing sixth. #1 failed to lose sufficient ground to #4 “Spreeguy” (Lemoyne Svendsen) who finished seventh. #1 was placed seventh for the violation.

2/24/12 (3)

**Ninth Race Inquiry – Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch involving third place finisher #10 “Happyagain Mindale” and ninth place finisher #3 “Vantage” (Tony Succarotte). After review and talking to the drivers involved #10 was disqualified and placed ninth for jostling and placing a wheel under #3.

2/24/12 (4)

**Trainer Out**

Trainer/Driver Gene Vallandingham called from the emergency room stating he was hemorrhaging from his nostrils and would not be able to drive and race his horses. Steward scratches were granted on his seven horses entered for tonight.

2/24/12 (5)

**Program Changes**

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “Columbia Court” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$19 Stewards – Trainer sick

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “Thatsmyson” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$4 Stewards – Trainer sick

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 “Alexander Penn” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$4 Stewards – Trainer sick

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “Hey Scoob” – Trainer Gretchen Smith

Refund: \$6 Stewards – Mistreated with Lasix

11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “Blissful Winds” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$.20 Stewards – Trainer sick

12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 “Funny Guy” – Trainer Matias Ruiz

Refund: \$16 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

14<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 "Schemes" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$15 Stewards – Trainer sick

15<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #8 "Asgoodasioncewas" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$24 Stewards – Trainer sick

2/24/12 (6)

**Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	297
Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,959
Handle (In State)	\$328,612
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$357,302</u>
Total Handle	\$739,873

**Saturday**

2/25/12 (1)

**Roesch Ruling**

**RULING # 17**

DRIVER **ROBERT ROESCH**, WHO DROVE "**WILD ABOUT EAGLE**" IN THE FIFTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIFTY (**\$50.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED – VIOLATION OF 'CAL-EXPO HOUSE WHIPPING RULE' – (4)(A) ANY BLATANT OR EXAGGERATED MOVEMENTS OF THE WHIPPING ARM WHICH WILL RESULT FROM RAISING THE ELBOW ABOVE THE DRIVER'S SHOULDER HEIGHT AND/OR ALLOWING THE HAND HOLDING THE WHIP TO REACH BEHIND THE DRIVER DURING THE USE OF THE WHIP).

The above ruling was issued after Roesch appeared and pled guilty to being overzealous in the stretch drive.

2/25/12 (2)

**Silvestri Ruling**

**RULING # 18**

DRIVER **RALPH SILVESTRI**, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY (**\$50.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASE NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR BEING PRESENT IN WINNER'S CIRCLE IN DRIVING COLORS FOLLOWING THE EIGHTH RACE.

The above ruling was issued after Driver Silvestri was contacted and accepted the penalty. Even though he works with the trainer he is not allowed in the winner's circle in his colors when he is not driving the horse.

2/25/12 (3)

**Smith Ruling**

**RULING # 19**

TRAINER **GRETCHEN SMITH**, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO START "**HEY SCOOB**" IN THE NINTH RACE FEBRUARY 24, 2012, IS HERBY FINED TWO HUNDRED (**\$200.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATIONS OF

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – HORSE TREATED WITH BLEEDER MEDICATION WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION) WHICH RESULTED IN LATE SCRATCH.

The above ruling was issued after Ms. Smith accepted the penalty for instructing her veterinarian to give Lasix to “Hey Scoob” who had just shipped in recently to her barn. Smith had assumed mistakenly that “Hey Scoob” had previously been a registered bleeder.

2/25/12 (4) **Plano Ruling**

**RULING # 20**

DRIVER LUKE PLANO, WHO DROVE #1 “HEEL WIN” IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2011, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED – DRIVING WITH FOOT OUT OF STIRRUP/URGING BY CONTACT).

The above ruling was issued after Plano met with stewards and reviewed the films. Plano has had a checkered past in regards to dropping his foot out of the stirrup and onto his mounts hocks. This, however, is his first violation in over nine (9) months so the penalty is on the lenient side. Mr. Plano was told to expect days in the near future for similar violations.

2/25/12 (5) **Racing Secretary Helps**

With an inordinate amount of licensees appearing for hearing the stewards opted to keep two (2) (Meyers and Baker) in the office to handle licensees. While Steward Oke handled the qualifiers with help from Racing Secretary Fred Kuebler and Placing Judge Kathy Poor. Racing two (2) days a week has its challenges for adjudication of stewards matters.

2/25/12 (6) **Schneider Ruling**

**RULING # 21**

DRIVER QUENTIN SCHNEIDER, WHO DROVE “HAPPYAGAIN MINDALE” IN THE NINTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2011, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (J) (DRIVING RULES – CHANGE COURSE STRETCH - INTERFERENCE) RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM THIRD TO NINTH.

The above ruling was issued after Schneider appeared and reviewed the race with stewards Baker and Meyers. Steward Oke had already reviewed the film before departing and felt a fine was in order. Schneider was candid about the incident, stating he was a little aggressive while coming out looking for racing room and may have inconvenienced a rival. Mr. Schneider was contrite and willing to accept blame until he was made

aware of the two hundred (\$200.00) dollar penalty. He then wanted to place blame back on his rival and also wished to appeal the decision. He was directed to consult the investigative staff on appeal procedures.

2/25/12 (7)

**Luster Warning**

Driver George Luster was in and cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course while in traffic. He reviewed last Saturday's ninth race with the stewards.

2/25/12 (8)

**Eighth Race Inquiry-No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to review and incident in the stretch where #8 "Code Blue" (6<sup>th</sup>) and Driver Ralph Silvestri III went inside the pylons in the stretch. After review it was determined that #8 went inside of only one (1) pylon and did not use the effort to pass a rival. No change. The incident was attributed to driver error and Silvestri III was ordered to appear next Friday.

2/25/12 (9)

**Program Changes**

12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 "Amazon Dot" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham  
 Refund: \$14 Stewards – Trainer sick  
 #8 "Dawnlikesllies" – Trainer Richard Dunneback  
 Refund: \$12 Stewards – Family emergency  
 14<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #7 "Sterling Chris"  
 Ralph Silvestri III for programmed Gene Vallandingham

2/25/12 (10)

**Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	369
Live Handle (On Track)	\$64,641
Handle (In State)	\$373,006
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$547,525</u>
Total Handle	\$985,172

## 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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
24-Feb	12	4	FUNNY GUY	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 16.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	3,451.20
Fresno	\$	5,136.90
Fresno Club One	\$	1,039.60
Golden Gate	\$	33,767.30
Monterey	\$	6,537.40
Pleasanton	\$	18,398.00
Sacramento	\$	104,492.20
San Jose	\$	22,693.10
San Mateo	\$	38,149.50
Santa Rosa	\$	8,811.40
Stockton	\$	11,040.90
Tulare	\$	254.60
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	11,000.30
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	314,455.90
Out of State	\$	-

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION****SUMMARY 2012**

	<b>Mon 02/20</b>	<b>Tues 02/21</b>	<b>Wed 02/22</b>	<b>Thurs 02/23</b>	<b>Fri 02/24</b>	<b>Sat 02/25</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</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>0</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>L L</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>E D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Meyers, Oke and Baker were in attendance.  
All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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