

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Watch And Wager, LLC
Cal Expo, Sacramento, California

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Report for the Week of Friday, November 11, 2022, Through Sunday, November 20, 2022.

GENERAL DATA:

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:

- Darrel McHargue (Chief Steward)
- Rod Newhart
- John Yinger
- Calvin Rainey
- Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)
- Eduardo De La Cruz (CHRB Veterinarian)

Track Management:

Christopher Schick- General Manager
Benjamin Kenney- Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Kate Phariss- Director of Backstretch Racing
Glen Harris- Paymaster/Mutuel Manager
Robin Schadt- Director of Racing
Brent Bridges- Assistant Racing Secretary
Patty Peterson- Clerk of Course
Adam Brownlee- Starter/Patrol Judge
Kenneth Fowler- Horse identifier
Melissa Olsen- Paddock Judge
Larry Goshman- Horseshoe Inspector
Gary Seibel- Announcer/Simulcast Host
Billy Don Wainscott- Outrider

Tina Waters- Placing Judge
J.R. Williams- Track Superintendent
Ken Walker- Director of Labor Relations
Pegasus- Video Supplier
Plusmic USA, Bill O'Brien- Photo Finish
Disher Accountancy- Pari-Mutuel Auditor
Kathy Jones- Track Veterinarian
Thomas Bergstrom-Track Veterinarian

FRIDAY

11/11/22¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Rod Newhart Reporting and Duty Steward

QUALIFYING ENTRY DAY

The race office was open today taking entries for qualifiers to be held on Saturday, November 20. There are five (5) races scheduled for 10:30 AM.

11/11/22²

DARK DAY

SATURDAY

11/12/22¹

QUALIFYING DAY

There were five (5) qualifiers held today with post time at 10:30 AM over a track rated as "Good" with a two (2) second allowance. Twenty-four (24) horses went postward with all twenty-four (24) meeting the qualifying standards.

11/12/22²

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

11/13/22¹

DARK DAY

MONDAY

11/14/22¹

DARK DAY

TUESDAY

11/15/22¹

ENTRY DAY

The race office was open today accepting entries for opening night, Friday November 18th. Eighty-seven (87) horses were entered with seventy-seven (77) drawing in. There are eleven (11) races with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

11/15/22²

DARK DAY

WEDNESDAY

11/16/22¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for opening night Friday, November 18th. There were five (5) declarations (four (4) were not qualified and one (1) did not get a pre-entry vet examination), one (1) claiming price addition and numerous driver changes.

11/16/22²

DARK DAY

THURSDAY

11/17/22¹

STEWARDS MEET

The Stewards met to discuss various items including the 2022-23 House Rules and to finalize topics for the Driver/Trainer meeting to be held in the paddock prior to the races on opening night.

11/17/22² **DARK DAY**

FRIDAY
11/18/22²

QUALIFIERS

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races at 4:30 PM. Four (4) races went postward over a track rated as "Fast" with all twenty-five (25) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

11/18/22³

OWNER REINSTATEMENT

The stewards were informed that owner Timothy Gordon from Source Grove, Alberta CAN was under suspension for a financial obligation to Dr. Melinda Blue from a ruling written at Santa Anita in 2017. This was turned over to the investigators and after talking with Dr. Blue, who said that the obligation had been paid, and the Stewards at Del Mar, Mr. Gordon was restored to "good standing" in California. Ruling to follow.

11/18/22⁴

DRIVER/TRAINER MEETING

Prior to the first race, officials, drivers, trainers, grooms and management were invited to attend a meeting to be held in the paddock at 5:45 PM. Those attending were welcomed and new officials were introduced-Starter Adam Brownlee and his driver Rick Hurley (also licensed as a Starter and would be filling in when needed) and Melissa Olsen, new Paddock Judge. Ken Fowler is now the new Identifier. Topics discussed by the stewards were basic racing procedures including starting gate protocol, whipping and other rule violations, scratch time driver changes and other decorum. Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz, CHRB veterinarian, went over rules regarding medications and Chris Schick, Watch and Wager General Manager welcomed all horsemen back to Cal Expo. Mr. Schick also discussed post parade decorum and other points.

11/18/22⁵

PROGRAM CHANGES

None

11/18/22⁶

RACE DAY

Eleven (11) races were scheduled for opening night with a post time of 6:35 over a track rated as "Fast".

Timer-The timer could not be electronically started at the start nor stopped at the finish. Placing Judge Tina Waters had to start and stop the time manually for all races.

Fifth Race-Show wagering was eliminated as there were only four (4) programmed starters.

Sixth Race-The timer had to be triggered manually at all stations.

Seventh Race-Driver Jordan Patton, programmed to drive #4 PROM QUEEN, failed to show for his drive, so the driver was changed to Mel Mullet. Mr. Patton was requested to see the Stewards on Thursday, November 24, 2022.

Tenth Race-The Stewards caused the "Inquiry" sign to be posted regarding the start of the race. After talking with the starter, the driver, and the outrider, it was determined that #2 BOBLEESWAGGER was not given a fair start and was declared a non-starter.

11/18/22⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	300	\$28,121.90
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$212,951.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$365,536.24
Total		\$606,609.34

SATURDAY

11/19/22¹

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

11/20/22¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Wed 11/16	Thurs 11/17	Fri 11/18	Sat 11/19	Sun 11/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	D	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	A	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	0	R	0	0	0
Disqualification	K	K	0	K	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	D	1	D	0	1	1
Refunds	A	A	0	A	0	0	0
Rulings	Y	Y	0	Y	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Newhart, Steward

Cal Rainey, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward

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