

**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 10, 2023 - Sunday, November 19, 2023.**

**GENERAL DATA:**

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:

- Darrel McHargue (Chief Steward)
- Rod Newhart
- John Yinger
- Steve Carpenito
- 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  
Joy McDuffie- Horse identifier  
Melissa Olsen- Paddock Judge  
Larry Goshman- Horseshoe Inspector  
Scott Ehrlich- Announcer  
Billy Don Wainscott- Outrider  
Jake Sperbeck-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  
Laurel Saldinger- Track Veterinarian  
Bridget Ratliff- Track Veterinarian

**FRIDAY**

11/10/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY DUTY**

Rod Newhart Reporting and Duty Steward

11/10/23<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFYING ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open today taking entries for qualifiers to be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023. There are four (4) races scheduled for 10:30 AM.

11/10/23<sup>3</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SATURDAY**

11/11/23<sup>1</sup>

**PADDOCK**

The paddock will be returning to the front side as in the pre-Covid era. The paddock that was set up in the backstretch will be used when conditions are not favorable due to weather conditions.

11/11/23<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFYING DAY**

There were four (4) qualifiers held today with post time at 10:30 over a track rated as "Fast". Substitute starter Rick Hurley started the races as regular starter Adam Brownlee was unavailable. Twenty-six (26) horses went post ward with all twenty-six meeting the qualifying standards.

11/11/23<sup>4</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**

11/12/23<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open accepting entries for opening night Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Eighty-six (86) horses were entered with eighty-one (81) drawing in. There are twelve (12) races with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

11/12/23<sup>2</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**MONDAY**

11/13/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**TUESDAY**

11/14/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

11/15/23<sup>1</sup>

**CHANGES**

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for opening night Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. There was one (1) declaration (Owner had three (3) horses in the race which is not permitted by Watch and Wager house rules) and numerous driver changes.

11/15/23<sup>2</sup>

**OWNER IN**

Owner Kendra Pratt along with her trainer, Daryl Cutting, were in the Stewards' office regarding her suspension in Minnesota. After much discussion, it was decided that her horse SPORTY SPOOK A, would be scratched from the program Friday night. The Stewards, Investigators and the Safety Steward would look more into her suspension and make a final decision on her California license with regard to Minnesota reciprocity.

11/15/23<sup>3</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**THURSDAY**

11/16/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**FRIDAY**

11/17/23<sup>1</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races at 5:30 PM. Three (3) races went post ward over a track rated "Fast" with all sixteen (16) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

11/17/23<sup>2</sup>

**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 following the qualifiers. Those attending were welcomed, and officials were introduced. 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.

11/17/23<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

4<sup>th</sup> Race Lasix Correction- #3 BOLD NEW BEGINNING- Trainer James Wilkinson-will continue to race on Lasix.

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration- #2 SPORTY SPOOK A-Trainer Daryl Cutting- by the Stewards until licensing problems with the owner are resolved. A refund was issued of forty-one dollars and eighteen cents (\$41.18).

11/17/23<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Twelve (12) races were scheduled for opening night of the Watch and Wager harness meet with a post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated "Fast".

5<sup>th</sup> Race- This race was under a “Stewards Review” regarding the breaking horse, #6 BODY ARMOR- Trainer Gerald Longo-at the start. After review, it was determined there were no violations.

5<sup>th</sup> Race-Driver Gerald Longo, who drove #6 BODY ARMOR- Trainer Gerald Longo-was summoned to the Stewards’ office on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding possible violation of the whipping rule.

10<sup>th</sup> Race-Driver Luke Plano was summoned to the Stewards’ office on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding being late to post parades. This seems to be an ongoing problem and the Stewards wanted to address it in the early stages of the meet.

10<sup>th</sup> Race-Driver Gerald Longo, who drove #7 DIVINE ART- Trainer Gerald Longo- was noticed for possible violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule for the second time. This will be addressed in the meeting with Mr. Longo on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

11/17/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	165	\$21,681.90
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$232,136.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$339,843.12
Total		\$593,661.62

**SATURDAY**

11/18/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**

11/19/23<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 11/15	Thurs 11/16	Fri 11/17	Sat 11/18	Sun 11/19	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	R	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	K	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Refunds</b>	A	A	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**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>
Nov. 17	7	2	SPORTY SPOOK A	Daryl Cutting	Stewards		\$41.18

Respectfully submitted,

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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