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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 5 - 10, 2023.

TUESDAY

12/05/23¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Rod Newhart Reporting and Duty Steward.

12/05/23²

ODDS ON USTA ENTRIES/RESULTS WEBPAGE

The USTA Race Track Support department was notified that the dollar odds that show on the USTA Entries/Results webpage are not always correct. This has to do with bugs in the way the odds and payoffs are transmitted from the Tote company to eTrack. They are aware of the problem and are working to correct it. The correct odds do display on the Judge's Sheets as well as the horse's Past Performance lines

12/05/23³

ENTRY DAY

The race office was open today accepting entries for Friday, December 8th and Sunday, December 10th. One hundred thirty-three (133) horses were entered with One Hundred twenty-six (126) drawing in. There are eight (8) races scheduled for Friday with a scheduled post time of 7:05 PM and Nine (9) for Sunday with a scheduled post time of 4:55 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Sunday, December 10th. Two (2) races were drawn with a scheduled post time of 4:15 PM.

12/05/23⁴

DARK DAY

WEDNESDAY

12/06/23¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Friday, December 8th. There were several driver changes.

12/06/23²

DARK DAY

THURSDAY

12/07/23¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Sunday, December 10th. There were several driver changes.

12/07/23²

VIDEO REVIEW

Driver MARK KENNEDY, who drove #2 PECORIN-Trainer Jose Castillo- in the 9th race on Friday, December 1st was in to review his whipping actions. He agreed that he did use more than wrist and elbow action in the stretch. He told the stewards that after the race, he was aware of his actions and worked on correcting this before Sunday. The stewards did note that his whipping actions on Sunday were well within the rule. Ruling to follow.

12/07/26³

TRAINER IN

Trainer Jose Castillo was in the steward's office regarding his actions in the paddock on Friday, December 10th. Paddock Judge Melissa Olsen called the stewards to let them know Mr. Castillo refused to put his horse in his assigned stall in the paddock due to, what he said, a hole in the fence/bushes behind that stall and that he was afraid his horse would see something behind him. It was explained to Mr. Castillo that there was a reason why a horse had to be in there assigned stall for proper identification and blood gas testing. If this were to happen again Mr. Castillo was warned that a fine would be issued for refusing to obey a racing official and that this could have been avoided if he had just asked for permission.

12/07/23⁴

DARK DAY

FRIDAY

12/08/23¹

VEST ISSUE

The Stewards were informed that driving vests had been stolen from the driver's room. Drivers were informed that vests were required, and no one would be permitted to drive without one. An announcement was made asking that if anyone with a spare vest and would be willing to let a driver use it for the races tonight to bring it to the paddock.

12/08/23²

PROGRAM CHANGES

None

12/08/23³

RACE DAY

Eight (8) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 7:05 PM over a track rated as "Fast".

1st Race-The timer failed to work and the race was manually timed by the stewards off of the video replay. After rebooting the timing computer, the timer worked for the rest of the night.

2nd Race-This race was under a "Stewards Review" regarding the breaking horse, #1 HELP PAGE- Trainer Alexia Kehl-driven by Sean Smithpeters, who finished third, at the start. After review, it was determined there were no violations.

12/08/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	135	\$21,921.00
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$224,423.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$336,657.19
Total		\$583,001.79

SATURDAY

12/09/2023¹ **DARK DAY**

SUNDAY

12/10/23¹

QUALIFIERS

Two (2) races went postward over a track rated as "Fast" with nine (9) out of eleven (11) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

12/10/23²

PROGRAM CHANGES

2nd Race Declaration –#MIDNIGHT ZEN-Trainer Quentin Schneider- Scratched- Sick- Veterinarian-Dr. Schloeder. A refund was issued of four hundred sixty-five dollars and eighteen cents (\$465.18).

12/10/23³

RACE DAY

Nine (9) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 5:05 PM over a track rated "Fast".

3rd Race- Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove 3rd place finisher OUTLAWBURNTPOPCORN-Trainer Jessie Pacheco-was summoned to the Stewards' office on Thursday, December 14th for a video review regarding his action with the whip.

6th Race- The timer failed to start for this race so the race was manually timed by the stewards from the video replay.

7th Race- Driver JAMES KENNEDY, who drove 2nd place finisher ROCKIN THE DRAGON- Trainer James Kennedy- was summoned to the stewards' office on Thursday, December 14th for a video review of his whipping actions. Mr. Kennedy informed the stewards that he was aware of the infraction and would accept the penalty without needing to see the video replay.

12/10/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	70	\$11,352.30
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$128,419.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$412,824.37
Total		\$552,595.77

SUMMARY

	Wed 12/07	Thurs 12/08	Fri 12/08	Sat 12/09	Sun 12/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	0	0	0	0	3
Disqualifications	K	K	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	D	D	0	0	0	0	5
Refunds	A	A	0	0	1	1	28
Rulings	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	25
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-Dec	2	1	MIDNIGHT ZEN	Quentin Schneider	Sick	Schloeder	\$465.18

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Newhart, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward

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