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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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Cal Expo, Sacramento, California  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 9, 2024 through Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**01/09/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present for entries for the double draw for Friday, January 12, 2024, and Sunday, January 14, 2024. One hundred Forty-four (144) horses were entered with One hundred Forty-two (142) drawing in. There is a nine (9) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and a ten (10) race card scheduled for Sunday with a post time of 4:58 PM.

01/09/24<sup>2</sup>**QUALIFYING DRAW**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. One (1) race was drawn with a post time of 4:15 PM.

**WEDNESDAY**01/10/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes and no scratches.

**THURSDAY**01/11/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** again was present to take any changes and scratches for the Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes and one (1) scratch.

01/11/24<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Stewards convened in their office at Cal Expo for a virtual California Horse Racing Board Stewards Committee Meeting hosted by California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Scott Chaney and California Horse Racing Board Chief Steward Darrel McHargue. Also attending were California Horse Racing Board Chairman Dr. Gregory Ferraro and board members Brenda Washington Davis and Dennis Alfieri.

01/11/24<sup>3</sup>**DRIVERS IN**

Driver GERALD LONGO who drove #7 A MAJOR OMEN- Trainer Gerald Longo in the 7<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions while setting the pace. Mr. Longo agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721 (I). Ruling to follow.

Driver NICK ROLAND who drove #2 WHAT CHEER-Trainer Nick Roland in the 4<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions in the stretch (Kicking his horse). Mr. Roland agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530. Ruling to follow.

**FRIDAY**

01/12/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

Steve Carpenito was the Reporting and Duty Steward.

01/12/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**Cal Expo Ruling # 11**

Driver GERALD LONGO is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I). While driving #7 A MAJOR OMEN in the seventh race on January 7, 2024 at Cal Expo Harness, Mr. Longo did drive unreasonably slow quarters.

**Cal Expo Ruling # 12**

Cal Expo Driver NICK ROLAND, is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered/Driving with foot out of stirrup/urging by contact) While driving #2 WHAT CHEER in the fourth race on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Mr. Roland did remove his foot from the stirrup and kicked his horse several times during the final quarter.

01/12/24<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration- #1 HOT N FANCY- Trainer Emilio Cisneros- Veterinarian- Sick- Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. A refund was issued of Two hundred twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$226.75).

7<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change-#4 SWEET TIMBER-from Driver JAMES RUCHOTZKE to JAMES LACKEY.

01/12/24<sup>4</sup>

**1<sup>st</sup> RACE INQUIRY**

The Inquiry sign was caused to be illuminated after the running of the first race due to an incident on the final turn. #8 LULU HOOP driven by NICK ROLAND, angled off the pylons on the final turn into the path of #6 SENGATAJA driven by RYAN GRUNDY. After viewing the film multiple times, the Stewards unanimously agreed there was insufficient evidence of interference to #6 SENGATAJA and therefore did not warrant a placing. The Inquiry sign was then removed.

01/12/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	115	\$16,183.00
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$174,878.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$498,303.60
Total	115	\$689,364.60

**SATURDAY**

01/13/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**

01/14/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

01/14/24<sup>2</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Equipment Change- #4 HONCHO AL TROT-minus hood adds pop out ear plugs. Trainer-Brett Erickson.

01/14/24<sup>3</sup>

**QUALIFYING RACE**

There was one (1) qualifying race held over a track rated "Fast" prior to the regular races with post time at 4:15 PM. All four (4) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

01/14/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Ten (10) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 4:58 PM.

01/14/24<sup>5</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> RACE DRIVER CALLED**

Following the conclusion of the third race driver SEAN SMITHPETERS who drove #3 HELP PAGE was summoned to the stewards office to discuss a possible violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I).

01/14/24<sup>6</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> RACE INQUIRY**

The Inquiry sign was caused to be illuminated after the running of the eighth race due to an incident in the stretch. #1 HANDSOME HARVEY driven by LUKE PLANO angled off of cover mid-stretch and broke stride. The stewards viewed the film to investigate if HANDSOME HARVEY was possibly interfered with. The stewards unanimously agreed that HANDSOME HARVEY broke stride on his own and the inquiry sign was then removed.

01/14/24<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	85	\$ 9,964.20
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$151,437.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$571,662.75
Total	85	\$733,064.85

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 1/10	Thurs 1/11	Fri 1/12	Sat 1/13	Sun 1/14	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	0
Disqualifications	K	K	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	A	A	1	0	0	1	22
Rulings	Y	Y	2	0	0	2	27
Voided Claims	!	!	0	0	0	0	0

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12-Jan	1	1	HOT N FANCY	Emilio Cisneros	Sick	Vet	\$ 226.75

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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