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Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 20, through Sunday, February 25, 2024.

TUESDAY02/20/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present for a double draw for both Friday, February 23rd and a Sunday, February 25th. One hundred forty-eight (148) horses were entered with one hundred forty-seven (147) 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 5:30 PM. Entries were also taken this morning for qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Sunday, February 25th. One (1) race was drawn with a post time of 4:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY02/21/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present to take changes for Friday, February 23rd. There were several driver changes and no scratches.

THURSDAY02/22/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was once again present to take changes for Sunday, February 25th. There were several driver changes and one (1) scratch.

02/22/24²**EQUINE FATALITY WHILE TRAINING**

It was reported to the stewards by California Horse Racing Board Safety Steward Tom McCarthy that racehorse IMMA TANK trained by Emilio Cisneros stumbled while training on the main track at Cal Expo prior to the quarter-pole and was injured. It was determined by Veterinarian Dr. Lane Schloeder that the horse sustained a broken shoulder and was euthanized on the racetrack.

02/22/24³**DRIVERS IN**

Driver-Trainer James Ruchotzke who drove #7 SWEET TIMBER- Trainer James Ruchotzke in the 9th race on Friday, February 16th, was in to review his actions during the race regarding

going inside numerous pylons during the mile. Mr. Ruchotzke agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530. Ruling to follow.

Driver-Trainer Rene Goulet was in to speak with the stewards regarding his missing his drive on #9 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE in the 5th race on Sunday, February 18th. The stewards accepted Mr. Goulet's explanation of the circumstances and chose not to issue a fine provided it does not occur again.

FRIDAY
02/23/24¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

CAL EXPO Ruling # 24

Cal Expo Harness Driver JAMES RUCHOTZKE who drove horse #7 SWEET TIMBER in the ninth race on Friday, February 16, 2024 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of Cal Expo Watch and Wager pylon rule. Went inside three consecutive pylons. California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not covered). Horse finished sixth and was placed last.

CAL EXPO Ruling # 25

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove #8 LOVE TO FLIRT in the 1st race Sunday, February 18, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(i) (commit any act which shall impede the progress of another horse or cause him to change stride or break). While driving #8 LOVE TO FLIRT, Mr. Pacheco did change course during the third quarter where clearance did not exist and impede #1 JACKIE BOY and driver NICK ROLAND thus causing that horse to break stride. LOVE TO FLIRT finished third and was placed sixth.

02/23/24²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

8th Race #2 SWEET TIMBER- Trainer James Ruchotzke-from Driver JAMES RUCHOTZKE to Driver JAMES LACKEY.

8th Race #3 JUSTCALLMEHUNGRY- Trainer Earl Kennedy- Veterinarian- Injured- Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz D.V.M. REFUND: \$206.87

02/23/24³

RACE DAY

Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

02/23/24⁴

1st RACE EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION

The timer failed to trigger at the start of tonight's first race causing the stewards to hand time the race from replay. For the remainder of the evening's races, the timer had to be manually triggered at the start of the races as well as the finish.

02/23/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	90	\$19,350.70
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$189,859.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$410,865.07
TOTAL	90	\$620,074.97

SATURDAY

02/24/24¹

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

02/25/24¹

QUALIFYING RACE

There was one (1) qualifying race held over a track rated "Fast" prior to the regular races with the post time at 4:30 PM. Four (4) of the four (4) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

02/25/24²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

6th Race #7 NEBBLE HANOVER- Trainer James Lackey- Injured- Veterinarian- Dr. Lane Schloeder, D.V.M. REFUND: \$394.61.
10th Race #1 LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY- Trainer Emilio Cisneros- from Driver EMILIO CISNEROS to Driver JAMES LACKEY.

02/25/24³

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 5:30 PM.

02/25/24⁴

EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-VIDEO

When the Stewards arrived up in the booth they were informed there was an issue in the video department and therefore they were not able to send the video signal out to uplink. It was still not operational when the qualifier went to post and the stewards charted the races as the chart caller is located off track and could not view the race. The video signal was restored at approximately fifteen (15) minutes to post time with the exception of the camera in the back tower which was restored prior to the third race.

02/25/24⁵

EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-TIMER

The timer once again was not triggering at the start and the finish of the race and had to be triggered manually throughout the evening.

02/25/24⁶

4th RACE STEWARDS LIST

#9 A MAJOR OMEN lost contact with the field on the final turn and pulled up in the stretch and was put on the steward's list for poor performance and must re-qualify. Trainer-Gerald Longo.

02/25/24⁷

LATE DRIVER CHANGE REPORTED

Prior to the fifth race the Stewards received a call from Driver-Trainer Emilio Cisneros who reported he was feeling ill and requested a driver change in the tenth race on #1 LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY. The stewards excused him from driving and James Lackey was named to drive the horse.

02/25/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	85	\$15,214.80
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$121,603.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$537,520.96
TOTAL	85	\$674,338.96

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25	Sun 2/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	1	0	1	2	27
Rulings	2	0	0	2	26
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

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