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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday, March 26, 2024 through Sunday, March 31, 2024.

TUESDAY03/26/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present for a double draw for both Friday, March 29th and Sunday, March 31st. One hundred fifty (150) horses were entered with one hundred forty-four (144) drawing in. There is a nine (9) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and an eleven (11) race card scheduled for Sunday with a post time of 5:05 PM.

Entries were also taken this morning for qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Sunday, March 31st. One (1) race was drawn with a post time of 4:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY03/27/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present to take changes for Friday, March 29th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

THURSDAY03/28/24¹**CHANGES**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was once again present to take changes for Sunday, March 31st. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

03/28/24²**HEARING SCHEDULED**

A hearing was scheduled for California Horse Racing Board Compliant #24SWW0007 against groom Rudy Orantes. The complaint alleged a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Licensee Orantes was in and signed a waiver of appearance. Ruling to Follow.

FRIDAY03/29/24¹**RULING WRITTEN**

CE Ruling # 38

Cal Expo Licensee Rudy Orantes having waived his right to a hearing is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). On Sunday, February 25, 2024, Mr. Orantes failed the breathalyzer test while in the paddock by recording a reading of .207%.

03/29/24² **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**
None

03/29/24³ **RACE DAY**
Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Good" with scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

03/29/24⁴ **EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-TIMER**
The timer failed to trigger at the start of tonight's first race causing the stewards to hand time the race from the replay. For the remainder of the evening's races, the timer had to be manually triggered at the start, the half-mile of the race as well as the finish of the race.

03/29/24⁵ **7th RACE INQUIRY**
The Stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated briefly after running of the seventh race to investigate and incident mid-stretch. Sixth place finisher #2 CENALTA FIREDRAGON driven by LUKE PLANO appeared to leave the course while passing #6 SWEET TIMBER driven by JAMES LACKEY mid-stretch. After viewing the video multiple times, the stewards unanimously ruled that #2 CENALTA FIREDRAGON went inside one (1) pylon in order to pass #6 SWEET TIMBER, making him in violation of Watch and Wager house rule 6.7.3. #2 CENALTA FIREDRAGON was placed seventh and the race was made official.

Original Order of Finish: 7-5-3-4-1-2-6

Official Order of Finish: 7-5-3-4-1-6-2

03/29/24⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	170	\$16,690.40
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$221,081.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$466,626.72
TOTAL	170	\$704,399.92

SATURDAY

03/30/24¹ **DARK DAY**

SUNDAY

03/31/24¹ **QUALIFYING RACES**

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. Five (5) of the five (5) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

03/31/24² **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**
None.

03/31/24³ **RACE DAY**

Eleven (11) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 5:05 PM.

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EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-TIMER

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

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6th RACE DRIVER CALLED IN

Driver/Trainer NICK ROLAND, who drove first place finisher #3 GRACEFUL HORIZON, was called following the 6th Race and invited to the Steward's office on Thursday, April 4th to discuss his actions with the whip in the final quarter of the race.

03/31/24⁶

7th RACE DRIVER CALLED IN

Driver WINTER ASHER-STALBAUM, who drove third place finisher #6 WITCH HUNTER, was called following the 7th Race and invited to the Steward's office on Thursday, April 4th to discuss his actions with the whip in the final quarter of the race.

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8th RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated after the running of the eighth race to investigate an incident past the quarter pole. Seventh place finisher #3 HANDSOME HARVEY Driven by LUKE PLANO was challenging eighth place finisher #5 DANCIN LANCE driven by LEMOYNE SVENDSEN for the lead passing the quarter pole when both horses went on a break causing all trailing horses to change course to avoid the breaking horses. After viewing the video replay from multiple angles and speaking with both Mr. Plano and Mr. Svendsen, the stewards unanimously concluded that #3 HANDSOME HARVEY did break stride impeding #5 DANCIN LANCE. #3 HANDSOME HARVEY was placed eighth behind #5 DANCIN LANCE. The inquiry sign was then removed and the race made official.

Original Order of Finish: 8-6-4-7-1-2-3-5

Official Order of Finish: 8-6-4-7-1-2-5-3

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10th RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated after the running of the tenth race to investigate an incident entering the first turn. Seventh place finisher #2 OMAHA STORM CHASER driven by JUSTIN VAN OTTERLOO, made a break entering the first turn while in tight quarters in particular with fourth place finisher #3 SNAP KRACKLE NTROT driven by JAMES KENNEDY. After viewing the video replay multiple times from multiple angles, the stewards unanimously concluded there was no visual evidence of contact between the two horses. The inquiry sign was then removed and the race was made official.

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10th RACE STEWARDS LIST

#2 OMAHA STORM CHASER broke stride entering the first turn and was put on the steward's list for repeated breaks and must re-qualify. Trainer- Justin Van Otterloo.

03/31/24¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	67	\$12,870.70
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$129,197.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$679,269.74
TOTAL	67	\$821,338.14

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/29	Sat 3/30	Sun 3/31	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	1	0	1	2	6
Inquiries	1	0	2	3	8
Refunds	0	0	0	0	34
Rulings	1	0	0	1	38
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

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