

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday, April 16, 2024 through Sunday, April 21, 2024.

TUESDAY04/16/24¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present for entries for the double draw for both Friday, April 19, 2024, and Sunday, April 21, 2024. One hundred fifty-seven horses were entered with one hundred fifty-three (153) drawing in. There is a ten race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and an eleven race card scheduled for Sunday with a post time of 5:55 PM.

04/16/24²**QUAIFYING DRAW**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Sunday, April 21st. Two races were drawn with a post time of 5:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY04/17/24¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday, April 19th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

THURSDAY04/18/24¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** again was present to take any changes and scratches for the Sunday, April 21st. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

04/18/24²**DRIVERS IN**

Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS who drove #6 CITY BY THE BAY- Trainer Alexia Kehl in the 7th race on Sunday, April 14th, was in to review his actions with the whip in the stretch. Mr. Smithpeters agreed that his actions were violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1734(b). Ruling to follow.

Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS who drove #4 SERENE HALL-Trainer Alexia Kehl in the 9th race on Sunday, April 14th, was in to review his actions in the stretch which caused #4 SERENE HALL to be placed last. Mr. Smithpeters agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(i). Ruling to follow.

Driver LUKE PLANO who drove #1 CENALTA FIREDRAGON-Trainer Luke Plano in the 4th race on Sunday, April 14th, was in to review his actions in the stretch. Mr. Plano agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530(Cases not covered). Ruling to follow.

04/18/24³

STEWARDS HEARING

A formal hearing was held in the Steward's Office at Cal Expo regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #24SW0002. The complaint alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.6 (Total Carbon Dioxide Testing), #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) against Trainer Jennifer Sabot. California Horse Racing Board Investigator David Aguilar, court reporter Elise Hicks, Licensee Sabot and all the stewards were present.

FRIDAY

04/19/24¹

RACE DAY DUTY

Steve Carpenito was the Reporting and Duty Steward.

04/19/24²

RULINGS WRITTEN

Cal Expo Ruling # 42

Cal Expo Driver LUKE PLANO, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule violation #1530 (cases not covered/Driving with foot out of stirrup/urging by contact). While driving #1 CENALTA FIREDRAGON in the fourth race on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Mr. Plano did remove his foot from the stirrup and made contact with the horse several times during the final quarter.

Cal Expo Ruling # 43

Cal Expo Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS, who drove #6 CITY BY THE BAY in the seventh race on Sunday, April 14, 2024 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist only).

Cal Expo Ruling #44

Cal Expo Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS, who drove #4 SERENE HALL in the ninth race on Sunday, April 14, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Commit any act which shall impede the progress of another horse or cause the horse to make a break). While driving #4 SERENE HALL, Mr. Smithpeters did change the course during the final quarter where clearance did not exist, impeding the progress of #1 OMAHA STORM CHASER thus causing horse to make a break. #4 SERENE HALL finished first and was placed sixth for the violation.

04/19/24³

DECLARATION, CHANGES & REFUNDS

10th Race Declaration- #7 WATCHMENEIGHNEIGH- Trainer Gerald Longo- Stewards. Refund: \$152.68.

04/19/24⁴

RACE DAY

Ten races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with a post time of 6:45 PM.

04/19/24⁵

1st RACE EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-STARTING GATE

The inside wing of the starting gate did not open completely for the first race of the evening. The starter and starting car driver moved the starting gate quickly to the outside of the track avoiding the first race field. Beginning with the second race the backup starting gate was utilized for the remainder of the evening.

04/19/24⁶

1st RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated after the running of the first race to investigate the incident with the starting gate failing to open properly. After viewing the video multiple times, the stewards unanimously ruled that despite the malfunction of the gate all horses received a fair start, due to the quick thinking and actions of Starter Adam Brownlee and Starting Gate Driver Rick Hurley. The inquiry sign was then removed, and the race made official.

04/19/24⁷

2nd RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated after the running of the second race to investigate an incident approaching the half-mile pole. Third place finisher #2 JEREMYS ALIBI driven by NICK ROLAND broke stride approaching the half-mile pole impeding the progress of trailing horses, fifth place finisher #4 MY FRISKIE BOY driven by SEAN SMITHPETERS and seventh place finisher #3 SIN MACHQUEEN driven by JACOB CUTTING. After viewing the video replay from multiple angles, the stewards unanimously concluded that driver NICK ROLAND allowed #2 JEREMYS ALIBI to make contact with the horse in front of him #6 DANCE TRAVELER driven by LEMOYNE SVENDSEN causing #2 JEREMYS ALIBI to break stride thus impeding two trailing horses. #2 JEREMYS ALIBI was placed seventh behind #3 SIN MACHQUEEN. The inquiry sign was then removed, and the race made official.

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

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

04/19/24⁸

2nd RACE DRIVER CALLED

Driver NICK ROLAND, who drove #2 JEREMYS ALIBI, was called following the 2nd race and invited to the Steward's office on Thursday, April 25th to discuss his actions in the second quarter of the race.

04/19/24⁹

8th RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to illuminate after the running of the eighth race to investigate an incident past the half-mile pole. Ninth place finisher #5 HANDSOME HARVEY after angling to the rim broke stride impeding the progress of fourth place finisher #6 UNFILTERED driven by BRETT ERICKSON, seventh place finisher #9 REAGAN BLUE CHIP driven by JAMES LACKEY and eighth place finisher #8 BOMBAY HANOVER driven by NICK ROLAND. After viewing the video replay from multiple angles, the stewards unanimously concluded #5 HANDSOME HARVEY broke stride on his own, causing the interference to trailing horses and because he finished last, there was no need for a placing. Then inquiry sign was the removed, and the race made official.

04/19/24¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	150	\$19,125.80
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$263,017.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$405,488.99
TOTAL	150	\$687,632.49

SATURDAY

04/20/24¹

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

04/21/24¹

RACE DAY DUTY

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

04/21/24²

RULINGS WRITTEN

CAL EXPO RULING #45

Cal Expo Trainer Jessie Pacheco is hereby issued a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine and a full sixty (60) day suspension commencing on April 25, 2024 through June 23, 2024. Mr. Pacheco was the trainer of record for #5 URKILLINMESMALLS who was programmed to race in the ninth (9th) race at Cal expo on December 3, 2023. The University of California Davis Maddy Lab tested the blood sample #TC520535 which revealed a TCO2 level of 41.1 mmol/l which exceeds the limit prescribed by the California Horse Racing Board. This is a violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4, #1843.6 and #1887.

Mr. Pacheco requested this matter to be heard by a Hearing Officer designated by the California Horse Racing Board Rule 1414. The matter was heard on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The Hearing Officer recommended this penalty to the California Horse Racing Board and it was adopted by the full Board on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Any Transfer of horses under Mr. Pacheco's care must be approved by the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo.

CAL EXPO RULING #46

After a formal hearing conducted in the Board of Stewards office at Cal Expo on April 18, 2024, Cal Expo Trainer Jennifer Sabot, is hereby issued a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) fine and a full thirty (30) day suspension beginning April 22, 2024 through and including May 21, 2024.

Ms. Sabot was the trainer of record for #1 VELOCITY MCSWEETS who was programmed to race in the second (2nd) race at Cal Expo on January 5, 2024. The University of California Davis Maddy Lab tested the blood sample #TC520674 which revealed a TCO2 level of 39.4 mmol/l which exceeds the limit prescribed by the California Horse Racing Board. This is a violation of California Horse Racing board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), #1843.6 (Total Carbon Dioxide Testing) and #1887 (Trainer to Insure condition of Horse).

Ms. Sabot has 72 hours to appeal this decision California Horse Racing Board Rule #1761.b to the CHRB.

04/21/24³

QUALIFYING RACES

There were two (2) qualifying races held over a track rated "Fast" prior to the regular races with post time at 5:15 PM. Five (5) of the six (6) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

04/21/24⁴

DECLARATION, CHANGES & REFUNDS

11th Race Declaration #6 SKYWAY RAIDER- Trainer Amber Carter-Veterinarian-Sick- Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. Refund: \$96.14.

04/21/24⁵

RACE DAY

Eleven (11) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 5:55 PM.

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EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION-TIMER

The timer once again was not triggering at the quarter-mile throughout the evening and beginning in the ninth race through the end of the race card it was not triggering at the start or finish of the race and had to be triggered manually.

04/21/24⁷

1st RACE CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

In the first race a field of six (6) three (3) year old horses and geldings contested the California Sire Stakes for a purses of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.

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5th RACE STEWARDS LIST

#1 MAGICAL ZAMBONI broke stride before the start and was put on the steward's list for break off qualifier and must re-qualify. Trainer-Nick Roland.

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6th RACE CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

In the sixth race a field of five (5) three (3) year old fillies contested the California Sire Stakes for a purse of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.

04/21/24¹⁰

8th RACE DRIVER CALLED

Driver-Trainer Ryan Grundy, who drove fourth place finisher #4 SENGA NIGHTMARE, was called following the 8th race and invited to the Steward's office on Thursday, April 25th to discuss his actions with the whip in the final quarter of the race.

04/21/24¹¹

9th RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated after the running of the ninth race to investigate start of the race and determine if all horses had received a fair start. After viewing the video replay multiple times the stewards unanimously concluded that tenth place finisher #10 GO WITH FLO driven by JACOB CUTTING was not afforded the opportunity to put his nose on the starting gate, therefore did not receive fair start. The stewards declared the #10 GO WITH FLO a non-starter for wagering purposes, ordering all money wagered on her to be refunded. The inquiry sign was then removed and the race made official.

04/21/24¹²

11th RACE DRIVER CALLED

Driver LUKE PLANO, who drove third place finisher #3 BUNKERHILL BILL, was called following the 11th Race and invited to the Steward's office on Thursday, April 25th to discuss his actions in the second quarter of the race.

04/21/24¹³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	130	\$16,442.80
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$137,741.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$479,271.42
TOTAL	130	\$633,455.72

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/19	Sat 4/20	Sun 4/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	D	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	A	0	0	0
Claims	0	R	0	0	0
Disqualifications	1	K	0	1	9
Inquiries	1	D	1	2	13
Refunds	1	A	0	1	44
Rulings	1	Y	1	2	43
Voided Claims	0	!	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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