

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 23, 2024 through Sunday, April 28, 2024.

TUESDAY04/23/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present for entries for Friday, April 26th and Sunday, April 28th. One hundred sixty (160) horses were entered with one forty-nine (149) drawing in. There are nine (9) races scheduled for Friday with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM and eleven (11) for Sunday with a scheduled post time of 5:05 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Sunday, April 28th. One (1) race was drawn with a scheduled post time of 4:30 PM.

The Stewards were also informed by Chief Steward Darrel McHargue that the ruling written regarding the TCO2 positive for Jennifer Sabot had not been handled correctly and that the ruling written needed to be rescinded.

C E Ruling # 47

Ruling #46 against licensee Jennifer Sabot is hereby rescinded for a good cause.

WEDNESDAY04/24/24¹**RACES REDRAWN**

Race Secretary Robin Schadt informed the Reporting Steward that a new race she had added failed to be broadcasted by Text Message, which is the customary way that added races are publicized to the horsemen, causing some trainers not to be aware of the new race. Had they been aware, they would have been able to enter the new race. This was corrected by the redrawing of the race with those now eligible to be entered.

04/24/24²**CHANGES**

After the redraw, Steward **Rod Newhart** was present to take changes for Friday, April 26th with some driver changes and no declarations.

THURSDAY

04/25/24¹

CHANGES

Steward **Rod Newhart** was once again present to take changes for Sunday, April 28th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

04/25/24²

OWNER REQUEST

Owner Richard Morita, representing himself, Honker Racing and Ronald Rettig-Zucchi, appeared before the Stewards requesting to change trainers on the following horses- MAUI, BETTORS PROMISE, EDITORIAL, REGIL IRISH, IMAGEOFABEACH, URKILLINMESMALLS, SAY SOS WIND UP and OUTLAWBURNTPOPCORN- to Liberio Pacheco from suspended trainer Jessie Pacheco. The stewards approved this request.

04/25/24³

SCHEDULED HEARING

A hearing was held for Complaint #24W0009 regarding the disqualification of VELOCITY MCSWEETS who finished 1st in the 2nd race Friday, January 5, 2024 due to a positive test of a Class 3 Medication- TCO2. Ruling to follow.

04/25/24⁴

VIDEO REVIEW

Driver NICK ROLAND who drove #2 JEREMYS ALIBI- Trainer Nick Roland- in the second race on Friday, April 19th was in to review his actions during the race where the stewards felt that he ran up on the horse in front of him causing his own horse to make a break and interfering with other horses. Mr. Roland felt this was a direct result of the pace being slowed down by the horse on the front. After discussion among the Stewards, it was felt that it was Mr. Roland's fault. Ruling to follow.

04/25/24⁵

VIDEO REVIEW

Driver RYAN GRUNDY who drove #4 SENG A NIGHTMARE- Trainer Ryan Grundy- in the eighth race on Sunday, April 21st was in to review his actions regarding violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734. The stewards felt that Mr. Grundy violated more than one aspect of the rule and Mr. Grundy agreed. Ruling to follow.

04/25/24⁶

VIDEO REVIEW

Driver LUKE PLANO who drove #3 BUNKERHILL BILL- Trainer Luke Plano- in the eleventh race on Sunday, April 21st was in to review his actions regarding removing his foot from the stirrups to urge by contact up the backstretch. Mr. Plano acknowledged the violation. Ruling to follow.

FRIDAY

04/26/24¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

CE Ruling # 47

Ruling #46 against licensee Jennifer Sabot is hereby rescinded for a good cause.

CE RULING # 48

Acting on a report from the University California Davis Maddy Lab, the pre-race blood sample #TC520525 obtained from the horse URKILLINMESMALLS who raced in the 9th race at Cal Expo on Sunday, December 3, 2023 contained 41.1 mmol/L of TCO2 which is above the permitted level 37.0 mmol/L making this a class medication violation.

It is hereby ordered that URKILLINMESMALLS, who finished seventh be “unplaced “ in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon positive test finding).

It is further ordered that all monies earned or awarded to owner HONKER RACING LLC, Sixty dollars (\$60.00), and driver JAMES KENNEDY, thirty dollars (\$30.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses within 7 days of this ruling to be redistributed.

Revised Order of Finish:

WORTHY OPPONENT-1st ; OUTLAWNUTHNBUTSMRT-2nd;
MYARTBELONGSTOROCK-3rd; AIME HANOVER-4th; TOMMY SHELBY-5th;
POLAR STORM-6th; CALIFORNIA ROCK-7th; URKILLINMESMALLS-
UNPLACED.

CE RULING #49

Acting on a report from the University California Davis Maddy Lab, the pre-race blood sample #TC520674 obtained from the horse VELOCITY MCSWEETS, who finished 1st in the 2nd race at Cal Expo on Friday, January 5, 2024, contained 39.4 mmol/L of TCO2 which is above the permitted level 37.0 mmol/L making this a Class 3 medication violation.

It is hereby ordered VELOCITY MCSWEETS be disqualified from all purse monies earned and be “unplaced” in accordance with California Horse Racing board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon positive test finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned to owner JENNIFER SABOT, Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$2,646.00), trainer JENNIFER SABOT, One hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$147.00) and driver JAMES KENNEDY, One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$147.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses within 7 days of the date of this ruling to be redistributed.

Revised Order of Finish:

WISH I HAD THYME-1st; BEKKUMS FANCY STAR-2nd; SENG NIGHTMARE-3rd;
PRINCESSOFTHE DAWN-4th; MUFFIN TOP-5th; VELOCITY MCSWEETS-Unplaced.

CE Ruling # 50

Cal Expo driver NICK ROLAND, who drove #2 JEREMYS ALIBI in the 2nd race on Friday, April 19, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violating California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (b) (Jostle, strike, hook wheels, the another horse and driver). While driving #2 JEREMYS ALIBI, Mr. 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 trailing horses fifth place finisher #4 MY FRISKIE BOY driven by SEAN SMITHPETERS and seventh place finisher #3 SIN MACHQUEEN driven by JACOB CUTTING. #2 JEREMYS ALIBI finished third and was placed seventh for the violation.

CE Ruling # 51

Cal Expo driver RYAN GRUNDY, who drove #4 SENG A NIGHTMARE in the eighth race on Sunday, April 21, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only) and Rule #1734 (b)(8)(Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

04/26/24² **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

3rd Race #1 CENALTA SUNRISE - Trainer Rene Goulet-Scratched-Injured-Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$64.96
 7th Race #3 RAGGED BUT RIGHT- Trainer Nathalie Tremblay- Scratched- Injured- Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$152.01

04/26/24³ **RACE DAY**

Nine (9) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated "Fast".

2nd Race- The Stewards caused the "Inquiry" sign to be lit against 2nd place finisher #5 ROGUE AGENT for possible violation of the breaking rule in the stretch. After viewing the video replay, the judges determined there was no violation.

04/26/24⁴ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	165	\$16,723.70
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$236,025.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$307,395.22
TOTAL	165	\$560,144.52

SATURDAY

04/27/24¹ **DARK DAY**

SUNDAY

04/28/24¹ **TRAINER IN**

Trainer Liberio Pacheco approached the Stewards to request permission to change trainers on MIKIS MAGIC RIDE and LOVE TO FLIRT from suspended trainer Jessie Pacheco. Permission was granted.

04/28/24² **QUALIFIERS**

One (1) race went postward over a track rated "Fast" with all three (3) of the participants meeting the qualifying standards.

04/28/24³ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1st Race #8 GO WITH FLO- Trainer Darryl Cutting-Scratched- Personal Reasons-Judges. Refund: \$162.47
 8th Race #6 ELS DISCO JOHNNY-Trainer Gerald Longo- Scratched-Injured- Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$73.02

04/28/24⁴ **RACE DAY**

Eleven (11) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with an amended post time of 5:30 PM over a track rated "Fast".

2nd Race – For some unknown reason, the timer did not work for this race. The race was manually timed off the video replay. There were no other issues with the timer for the remainder of the night.

2nd Race -The Stewards caused the “Inquiry” sign to be lit against 3rd place finisher #2 BRO HUG for possible violation of the breaking rule before the start. After video review, it was determined there was not a violation.

11th Race - The Stewards caused the “Inquiry” to be lit as a general inquiry for actions in the stretch drive. After video review, the Stewards determined that there was no reason for any placings and the order of finish remained the same.

04/28/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	125	\$19,388.60
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$157,042.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$540,680.75
TOTAL	125	\$717,111.75

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/26	Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	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	4
Inquiries	1	0	2	3	15
Refunds	2	0	2	4	47
Rulings	5	0	0	5	46
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Rod Newhart, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

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