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Report for the Week of Monday July 15, 2024, through Sunday, July 21, 2024.

WEDNESDAY7/17/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Racing Office activities were under the supervision of Steward **John Herbuveaux**. An overnight was produced with eight races which included one Quarter Horse Sprint. Fifty-three horses, 6 Quarters & 47 Thoroughbreds, filled the program.

THURSDAY7/18/24¹**SCRATCH/PANEL/ENTRY**

Today's business was overseen by Steward **Richard Lewis**. The first order of business was scratches, no scratches at the designated time. Entry Panel chaired by **Dr. Lorbiecki** and assisted by **Drs. Franklin & Grande**, selected several "hard watch" horses but no panel scratches. Eight races were drawn for Sunday consisting of one Quarter Horse Dash and seven Thoroughbred races.

FRIDAY7/19/24¹**SCRATCHES AND ENTRY PANEL**

Today's Duty Steward was **Richard Lewis**. There were no scratches for Sunday. Overnight changes, alternate riders and equipment corrections, were approved.

An "Entry Panel" taking a deep dive into the runners for Sunday was part of the morning agenda. **Dr. Lorbiecki**, moderated the discussion with panel members **Drs. Blea, Franklin & Grande**. **Juliana Gomes** and Steward **Richard Lewis** rounded out the panel as observers. Steward **Cal Rainey** was also in the office catching up on administrative issues during this cancelled race day.

SATURDAY

7/20/24¹

DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #1 **Wellsworth** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refund: \$82.63

5TH Race Declaration #5 **Bobby's Genie** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refund: \$82.50

7TH Race Jockey Change #1 **River of Ambition C. Herrera** for **Alejandro Gomez**

7TH Race Declaration #3 **Along Came Joann** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) injured – **De La Cruz, DVM**

Refund: See Below

7TH Race Declaration #4 **Crown of Hope** (Tr. **B. McLean**) unsound – **De La Cruz, DVM**

Refunds: \$323.80

7/20/24²

CASTELLANOS RULING

Jockey Adrian Castellanos was in attendance to review the sixth race on Sunday, specifically his use of the crop. Jockey **Castellanos** was not sure why he was requested to appear but after watching replays he agreed he was one strike over the limit.

RULING SAC #5

Jockey **ADRIAN CASTELLANOS** who rode **PROOF OF JAZZ** in the sixth race at the California State Fair, on Sunday July 14, 2024, is suspended one (1) race day, Saturday, July 27, 2024, and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

7/20/24³

CHRB CASE #24BM0018

A California Horse Racing Board complaint was on the docket before the Board of Stewards this day. **Dr. Kim Kuhlman** (dba San Francisco Equine, Inc.) filed a financial complaint against owner **Juan Antonio Silva**, California Horse Racing Board license #322756 exp. 09/25, for services performed in the amount of \$2,551.93.

At 1:30 **Dr. Kuhlman** contacted this office that he was on the grounds at Cal-Expo and would only be a minute away should we start the 2:00 hearing.

Mr. Silva was allowed up to thirty (30) minutes to appear or contact this office after the designated hearing time of 2:00 p.m. at 2:45p.m. **Dr. Kuhlman** was excused and a ruling for "Failure to Appear" will be published.

7/20/24⁴

EMILLIO GUERRERO DISCUSSION (REF: 7/14/24⁽⁶⁾)

Trainer **Emillio Guerrero** was present to explain why his runner, **Corazon De Lucia**, was listed as a colt in the program but is a gelding. When this was reported to the Stewards, we were obligated to scratch the gelding per California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (e) (2). **Mr. Guerrero** indicated the change had been noted in the horse's last start, out of state, by way of an announcement. A decision to follow.

7/20/24⁵

LATE RIDER CHANGE – FIRST RACE

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** was a late replacement due to **Alberto Zepeda** failing to notify us that he would be absent. #6 **Noon It Is** went on to win the race with Jockey **Chavez**.

7/20/24⁶

POST RACE ACCIDENT

Shortly after the horses passed the finish line #1, **CDS Its Only Money**, ridden by **Luis Jimenez** came out into the path of #3, **DollysTalent**, with **Alfredo Bautista** in the irons. This

action resulting in #3 clipping heels throwing **Bautista** in front of him. The #3 fell got up and jogged off and after being caught was taken off by equine ambulance. Jockey **Bautista** was transferred to hospital for evaluation.

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INQUIRY/OBJECTION

The start of this race caused the Stewards to illuminate the inquiry sign. The winner #3, **Roses R Blue**, came in while #1 **Cry Me A Runner** broke out into the path of #2, **Sahara Sue**. The rider of #2 **Leonel Camacho Flores** lodged an objection against #3, after the Stewards had posted the inquiry to see if #1 hindered #2. Video shows the #2 breaking a step behind the #3 while the #1 comes out into the #2. In a double unanimous decision, the Stewards disallowed the Jockey objection but acted on the Stewards Inquiry. For interference at the break and costing #2 an opportunity for a better placing #1 was disqualified and placed fourth behind #2.

Original Order of Finish 3 – 6 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 7

Official Order of Finish 3 - 6 – 2 – 1 – 4 – 7

7/20/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,852	\$182,327.92
SCOTWINC		\$273,199.99
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$83,282.00
TOTAL	4,931	\$1,288,563.70

SUNDAY

7/21/24¹

DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Jockey Change #6, **Jo Less** Rider Change to **Damian Cruz**

2ND Race Declaration #1, **Autism Mind** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: See Below

2ND Race Declaration #5, **Frank the Cat** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) insufficient works - **Stewards**

Refunds: \$265.40

3RD Race Declaration #4, **California Dreamin** (Tr. **W.L. McDaniel**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$16.00

5TH Race Declaration #7, **Ecologist** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$72.10

6TH Race Declaration #1, **Stone's River** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **Cloninger, DVM**

Refunds: \$49.90

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GUERRERO RULING

SAC RULING #06

Owner/Trainer **EMILIO GUERRERO** is fined Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)* for failure to list the correct sex of the horse, **Corazon De Lucia** at the time of entry for the seventh race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) July 14, 2024: a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (e) (2) (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The prior ruling was published after considering testimony from Trainer **Guerrero** regarding the scratch of his entrant on Sunday.

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SILVA RULING (REF: 7/20/24⁽³⁾)

SAC RULING #07

Owner **JUAN ANTONIO SILVA**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on or before July 20, 2024, is

suspended effective July 28, 2024, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,551.93 to Veterinarian **Kim Kuhlmann**, San Francisco Equine, Inc.).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JUAN ANTONIO SILVA** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after **Juan Antonia Silva** failed to appear as noticed to respond to CHRБ Complaint 24BM0018.

7/21/24⁴

AGULIA RULING

SAC RULING #08

Owner/Trainer **JOSE ALFREDO AGUILA** who was scheduled to start **SULTAN** in the first race at the California State Fair on Sunday, July 14, 2024, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1588 (a) (2) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race – Parentage Verification not Certified by AQHA).

The preceding ruling published after Owner/Trainer **Jose Aguila** met with us to discuss the circumstances which led to the late scratch of his horse **Sultan** from the first race this past Sunday (ref: 7/14/24⁽⁴⁾).

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JIMENEZ RULING

SAC RULING #09

Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ** who rode **CDS ITS ONLY MONEY** in the first race at the California State Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2024, is suspended five (5) racings days, July 28, August 2, 3, 4 and 9, 2024 for altering course without sufficient clearance after the finish and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) (Riding Rules). Jockey **Luis Jimenez** met with this Panel to review the accident which occurred after the finish of the First Race on Saturday (ref: 7/20/24⁽⁶⁾). **Mr. Jimenez** stated that when he eased up passing the Finish Line his horse may have stepped out, which video showed, but did not realize how far nor how close he was to the horse just behind and outside of him. In a unanimous vote this Panel voted for the penalty stated above.

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ALEXANDER CHAVEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Chavez** was present to review replays of yesterday's fifth race which ended in a Disqualification (ref: 7/20/24⁽⁷⁾). **Mr. Chavez** explained that he attempted to pull on his left rein to keep his mount from breaking out at the start but he had too long a rein as his mount broke straight out. Although he did make an attempt, he was warned to be better prepared.

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RACE DEAD HEAT

At the end of this sprint event #5, **My Dominator**, and #7, **Yes He Can**, got to the wire at the same time which resulted in the PHOTO sign being lit and calling for a picture to determine who may have won. The photo printed showed the margin separating the two runners to be undetectable. The Placing Judges and Stewards were all in agreement calling for a **Dead Heat**.

Official Order of Finish: **(5/7)** – 6 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1

7/21/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,050	\$160,217.50
SCOTWINC		\$352,988.39
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$78,672.30
TOTAL	4,934	\$1,139,569.72

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/19	Sat 7/20	Sun 7/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	3	0	3	5
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2
Refunds	0	3	4	7	15
Rulings	0	1	4	5	9
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

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