

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Monday, December 23, 2024 through Sunday, December 29, 2024.

MONDAY12/23/24¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

12/23/24²**ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open today conducting a double draw for both Friday, December 27th and Saturday, December 28th. One Hundred Thirty-nine (139) horses were entered with One Hundred Thirty-Seven (137) 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 Saturday with a post time of 6:35 PM.

12/23/24³**QUALIFYING DRAW**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Saturday, December 28th. Two (2) races were drawn with a post time of 6:00 PM.

12/23/24⁴**CHANGES**

The steward's office was open to accept changes for Friday, December 27th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

TUESDAY12/24/24¹**CHANGES**

The steward's office was open to accept changes for Saturday, December 28th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

WEDNESDAY12/25/24¹**CHRISTMAS DAY**

No Racing.

THURSDAY12/26/24¹**DRIVER IN**

Driver Aaron Lehman who drove #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU-Trainer Quentin Schneider in the 5th race on Friday, December 20th was in to review his actions in the stretch which led to his disqualification. Mr. Lehman agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721(b). Ruling to follow.

12/26/24²

OWNER IN

Horse owner John Hagan was summoned to the steward's office to discuss an incident which occurred this morning on the track. Outrider Billy Don Wainscott informed Mr. Hagan he was jogging his horse in a unsafe manner and asked him to slow down. Mr. Hagan was reported to have laughed at Mr. Wainscott and continued jogging his horse in the same manner. Both appeared before the stewards along with Safety Steward McCarthy. Mr. Hagan was forthcoming in that his actions were in violation California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 and apologized to Mr. Wainscott. Ruling to follow.

FRIDAY

12/27/24¹

RULING WRITTEN

Cal Expo Ruling # 01

Driver AARON LEHMAN, who drove #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU in the fifth race on Friday, December 20, 2024 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (b)(Jostle, strike, hook wheels, or interfere with another horse and driver). While driving #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU, Mr. Lehman did veer out on several occasions during the final quarter where clearance did not exist and impeded the progress of #5 THRILL OF THE HUNT forcing Driver MARK KENNEDY to grab his horse and lose momentum. #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU finished 3rd and was placed 4th for the violation.

12/27/24²

PROGRAM CHANGES

5th Race Declaration- #1 THE LAST WALTZ- Trainer Rene Goulet- Stewards- Ineligible.

Refund: \$100.00.

5th Race Declaration- #4 ALWAYS B RICKI- Trainer Natalie Tremblay- Stewards-Must Qualify.

Refund: \$75.78

12/27/24³

RACE DAY

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

12/27/24⁴

EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION

The timer failed to automatically trigger for the majority of tonight's races causing the timer to be manually triggered at the start, the half-mile of the race as well as the finish of the race.

12/27/24⁵

3rd RACE INQUIRY

The stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be illuminated briefly after the running of the third race to investigate an incident in the stretch. Fifth place finisher #5 LOUS LANCELOT driven by Luke Plano went into an extended break while trotting on the lead shortly after entering the stretch. After viewing the video multiple times, the stewards unanimously ruled #5 LOUS LANCELOT broke stride on his own, regained stride shortly before the wire, and since he finished last in the race, we did not need to consider whether he complied with the breaking rule. The inquiry sign was removed and the race made official.

12/27/24⁶

5th RACE DRIVER CALLED

After the running of the fifth race Starter/Patrol Judge Adam Brownlee called the stewards to inform them he wanted to speak to Driver James Lackey who drove #6 JK PARCELLS in the race. #6 JK PARCELLS appeared to the stewards to be several lengths off the gate at the start of the race. Soon after, Paddock Judge Melissa Olsen informed the stewards that Mr. Lackey had respectfully refused to speak to Mr. Brownlee. Mr. Brownlee called the judges to inform them that Mr. Lackey was being fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1731(g) (No Driver shall fail to come up into position). The Stewards then invited Mr. Lackey to the Stewards office on Thursday, January 2nd to discuss a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Failure to follow the instructions of a racing official). More to follow.

12/27/24⁷

9th RACE STEWARDS LIST

#3 LA PUDDIE A was not competitive in the 9th race prior to tiring badly in the stretch, he was put on the steward's list for Poor Performance and must re-qualify. Trainer- Riley Asher Stalbaum.

12/27/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| On track | 75 | \$19,888.90 |
| SCOTWinc | N/A | \$240,828.50 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$371,873.62 |
| Total | 75 | \$632,591.02 |

SATURDAY

12/28/24¹

RULING WRITTEN

Ruling # 02

Mr. John R. Hagan is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (failure to obey the instructions of a racing official). This incident occurred during the training hours on Wednesday, December 26, 2024.

12/28/24²

TRAINER CALLED

Trainer Jose Castillo, who trained third place finisher #6 WISH I HAD THYME in Friday's 6th Race was invited to the steward's office on Thursday, January 2nd after it was disclosed that #6 WISH I HAD THYME was delayed getting to the test barn after the horse was brought back to Mr. Castillo's stable.

12/28/24³

QUALIFYING RACES

There were two (2) qualifying races held over a track rated "Good" prior to the regular races with post time 6:00 PM. Six (6) of the Nine (9) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

12/28/24⁴

PROGRAM CHANGES

9th Race Declaration- #2 WAVZEKA- Trainer Ariel Alavarez-Veterinarian-Injured. Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$169.25.

12/28/24⁵

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Good" with scheduled post time of 6:35 PM.

12/28/24⁶

2nd RACE STEWARDS LIST

#5 ROMANTIC WARRIOR began losing touch with the field on the backstretch prior to pulling up before the three-quarter pole, he was put on the steward's for Poor Performance and must re-qualify. Trainer- Riley Asher-Stalbaum.

12/28/24⁷

3rd RACE STEWARDS LIST

#4 HURRIKANE BUNNY began losing touch with the field before the three-quarter pole and was put on the steward's list for Poor Performance and must re-qualify. Trainer- Riley Asher-Stalbaum.

12/28/24⁸

6th RACE STEWARDS LIST

#2 ROCK'S IMAGE gapped the field throughout the mile, was uncompetitive and was put on the steward's list for Poor Performance and must re-qualify. Trainer- Gerald Longo.

12/28/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| On track | 105 | \$ 12,233.80 |
| SCOTWinc | N/A | \$248,384.60 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$372,504.89 |
| Total | 105 | \$633,123.29 |

SUNDAY

12/29/24¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

| | Fri 12/27 | Sat 12/28 | Sun 12/29 | 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 | 1 |
| Inquiries | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Refunds | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Rulings | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

BOS:SC:tw