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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Watch and Wager, LLC.**  
Cal Expo, Sacramento, California  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, December 17, 2024 through Sunday, December 22, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**12/17/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present for entries for Friday, December 20, 2024. One hundred nineteen (119) horses were entered with One hundred ten (110) drawing in. There are twelve (12) races scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM.

12/17/24<sup>2</sup>**QUALIFYING DRAW**

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Three (3) races were drawn with a scheduled post time of 5:45 PM.

**WEDNESDAY**12/18/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present to take changes for Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes and one declaration due to race office error.

**THURSDAY**12/19/24<sup>1</sup>**GENERAL MANAGER IN**

Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick was in the Stewards' Office to discuss the issues with opening night, most notably the fact that, due to the heavy winds and the use of the backup gate, a "gentleman's start" had to be used starting with the 5<sup>th</sup> race. The wings on the starting gate were very slow in closing and fearing that could cause interference with large fields, it was decided to not use the wings, just the starting car itself in front of the field. A definition of a "gentleman's start" is for the horses to line up behind the gate and no one is to score ahead of the rail horse, and if someone does, there would be a recall. This actually worked out well for the remainder of the night.

Mr. Schick said that the primary gate would be ready for use on Friday. Other minor issues with phone lines and some video issues all have been resolved.

**FRIDAY**

12/20/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

Rod Newhart was the Reporting and Duty Steward.

12/20/24<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

Three (3) races went postward over a track rated "Fast" with fifteen (15) of the eighteen (18) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

12/20/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 EYES DON'T LIE - Trainer Riley Asher-Stalbaum-Lame- Dr. Kathy Jones. Refund: \$1,045.00.

12/20/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Twelve (12) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated as "Fast".

12/20/24<sup>5</sup>

**5<sup>TH</sup> RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards caused the "inquiry" sign to be posted regarding possible interference in the stretch by 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU-Trainer Quentin Schneider-driven by Aaron Lehman. Subsequently, driver Mark Kennedy, who drove 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher #5 THRILL OF THE HUNT- Trainer Earl Kennedy-filed an objection regarding the same possible interference. After reviewing the video replay and speaking with Mr. Kennedy, the stewards felt that the objection was warranted and therefore it was allowed and #8 OVERTHEMOONFORYOU was placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Original Order of Finish: 4-2-**8-5**-3-1-10-7-9-6

Official Order of Finish: 4-2-**5-8**-3-1-10-7-9-6

Mr. Lehman was summoned to the Stewards' Office on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup> Race- The Stewards put #3 DOUGS MOONSHINE-Trainer Richard Bertrand- on the Steward's List for Poor Performance.

8<sup>th</sup> Race- The Stewards ordered a REFUND on #8 GRACEFUL HORIZON- Trainer Nick Roland- driven by Nick Roland as they felt the horse did not receive a fair start.  
Refund: \$15,903.34

12<sup>th</sup> Race- The Stewards put #7 MOTOR SHARK- Trainer Riley Asher-Stalbaum- on the Steward's List for Poor Performance.

12/20/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	130	\$21,051.00
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$156,2222.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$550,534.71
Total	130	\$717,000.41

**SATURDAY**     **DARK DAY**  
12/21/24<sup>1</sup>

**SUNDAY**     **DARK DAY**  
12/22/24<sup>1</sup>

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 12/2</b>	<b>Sat 12/21</b>	<b>Sun 12/22</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Refunds</b>	2	0	0	2	2
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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