

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Friday, December 6, 2024 Through Sunday, December 15, 2024.

GENERAL DATA:

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:

- Darrel McHargue (Chief Steward)
- Rod Newhart
- John Yinger
- Steve Carpenito
- Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)
- Eduardo De La Cruz (CHRB Veterinarian)

Track Management:

Christopher Schick- General Manager
Benjamin Kenney- Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Kate Phariss- Director of Backstretch Racing
Glen Harris- Paymaster/Mutuel Manager
Robin Schadt- Director of Racing
Brent Bridges- Assistant Racing Secretary/Clerk of Course
Adam Brownlee- Starter/Patrol Judge
Joy McDuffie- Horse identifier
Melissa Olsen- Paddock Judge
Jason Landers- Horseshoe Inspector
Scott Ehrlich- Announcer
Billy Don Wainscott- Outrider
Jake Sperbeck-Outrider
Tina Waters- Placing Judge
J.R. Williams- Track Superintendent
Ken Walker- Director of Labor Relations

Pegasus- Video Supplier
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Kathy Jones- Track Veterinarian
Laurel Saldinger- Track Veterinarian
Bridget Ratliff- Track Veterinarian

FRIDAY

12/06/24¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries for qualifiers to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2024. There are seven (7) races scheduled for 11:30 am.

SATURDAY

12/07/24¹

QUALIFYING DAY

There were seven (7) qualifying races held with a post time of 11:30am over a track rated as "fast". Forty-nine (49) horses went to the post with all forty-nine meeting the qualifying standards.

12/07/24²

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

12/08/24¹

DARK DAY

MONDAY

12/09/24¹

DARK DAY

TUESDAY

12/10/24¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries. Twelve (12) races were carded for opening night Friday, December 13, 2024. One hundred and four (104) entries were taken with ninety-one (91) horses drawing in.

WEDNESDAY

12/11/24¹

DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday overnight. Numerous driver changes were made, and no scratches were reported. Two qualifying events were drawn for Friday with a total of ten (10) entries.

THURSDAY

12/12/24¹

DARK DAY

FRIDAY

12/13/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

8th Race #3 AERIAL VIEW – Driver Change – L. Svendsen – Trainer Kathleen Plested
8th Race #9 WHAT CHEER - Trainer Nick Roland - Sick – Dr. Eduardo De LaCruz. Refund: \$1,401.76
8th Race #7 LUCKY LIL LADY - Trainer Jose Castillo – Off Lasix

12/13/24²

QUALIFIERS

Two early qualifying races scheduled for tonight have been cancelled due to track maintenance needing extra time conditioning racing surface for the opening nights racing program.

12/13/24³

OPENING NIGHT HORSEMANS MEETING

Stewards held their annual horseman’s meeting at 6:00pm within the paddock enclosure.

Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz went over the new medication guidelines, GM Chris Schick welcomed the horseman back and went over the new trainer/driver incentive program. Stewards went over the main rules with the new drivers.

12/13/24⁴

RACE DAY

Twelve (12) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM. Partly cloudy skies, 50 degrees and wind gust between 20-30mph over a track rated as “Good” to begin the evening.

1st Race – Stewards illuminated the inquiry sign into the start of the race. High winds which affected the wings on the starting gate to not close completely until going into the first turn. After utilizing the video replay system and speaking with, starter Adam Brownlee and several drivers, the stewards felt no reason to alter the order of finish. The inquiry sign was removed, and race was made official.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Races – the high winds continued to wreak havoc on the starting gate wings closing at the start of these races. Fortunately, these races consisted of six (6) horse fields and did not affect horses receiving a fair start.

5th through the 12th races – In an effort to complete the racing program and be under “safe” racing conditions, the stewards utilized the method of having a “Gentleman’s Start” for the remainder of the evening (Utilizing the starting gate, however the wings remained closed. Other jurisdictions have done this successfully and we felt it was the only option available before cancelling the racing program. There is no California Horse Racing Board rule that would pertain us from doing such. A call was made to Chief Steward Darrel McHargue to inform him of our decision.

High winds continued throughout the evening; however the remainder of the racing program was without incident.

12/13/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	160	\$20,536.40
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$191,132.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$359,236.32
Total	160	\$570,904.90

SATURDAY

12/14/24¹

DARK DAY

SUNDAY

12/15/24¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14	Sun 12/15	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	0
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	1
Refunds	0	0	0	0	0
Rulings	0	0	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

John Yinger, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward

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