

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 18, through Sunday, February 23, 2024.

TUESDAY02/18/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present for entries for Friday, February 21st and Saturday, February 22nd. One hundred fifty-six (156) horses were entered with one hundred fifty-six (156) drawn in. There are ten (10) races scheduled for Friday with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM and ten (10) for Saturday with a post time scheduled post time of 6:35 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Saturday, February 22nd. Two (2) races were drawn with a scheduled post time of 5:50 PM.

WEDNESDAY02/19/25¹**CHANGES**

The stewards' office was open to take changes for Friday, February 21st. There were several driver changes.

THURSDAY02/20/25¹**CHANGES**

The stewards' office was open to take changes for Saturday, February 22nd. There were several driver changes, one (1) declaration, one (1) claiming price correction and a purse change.

02/20/25²**DRIVER IN**

Driver **James Lackey**, who drove #2 ALBERGO HANOVER-Trainer James Lackey-was in regarding his drive in the 6th race on Saturday, February 15th. The stewards showed Mr. Lackey the head on stretch camera and the reasons they felt that Mr. Lackey interfered with 5th place finisher MYARTBLONGSTOROCK- Trainer Natalie Tremblay- and therefore was disqualified. Ruling to follow.

02/20/25³**HEARING**

The stewards conducted a combined informal hearing on complaints 24GS0042, 24GS0051 and 24GS0054 against Dr. Kim Kuhlmann for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (b)(2)(c) (Workouts) for a total of fifteen (15) horses. Present were Stewards Steve Carpenito, John Yinger, Rod Newhart and Richard Lewis; California Horse Racing Board Investigator Jerry Smith and Dr. Kuhlman. After the state's presentation by investigator Smith, Dr. Kuhlmann showed the stewards his records on the old California Horse Racing Board Veterinary Confidential Form where the horses were actually given a Pre-Workout Exam, however that information did not get into EquiTaps, Dr. Kuhlmann explained his reasoning why some of the horses never made it to EquiTaps and couldn't explain why others did not except for human error in transferal of information from his confidentials to EquiTaps. He also explained that the number missing was miniscule compared to the thousands of horses that are examined. Dr. Kuhlmann also has a hearing set for Thursday, February 27th for violation of the same rule. A decision by the stewards will be made following that hearing.

FRIDAY
02/21/25¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

Ruling # 25

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for failure to drive when programmed on #1 BUSINESS CHECK in the 4th race on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Cal Expo. Mr. Pacheco was in violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to drive when programmed).

Ruling # 26

Cal Expo Driver JAMES LACKEY, who drove #2 ALBERGO HANOVER in the sixth race on Saturday, February 15, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(i) (commit any act which shall impede the progress of another horse or cause the horse to make a break). While driving #2 ALBERGO HANOVER, Mr. Lackey did change course in deep stretch where clearance did not exist, impeding the progress of #4 MYARTBLONGSTOROCK. #2 ALBERGO HANOVER finished 3rd and was placed 5th for the violation.

Ruling # 27

Trainer SAMUEL CALVARIO, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878(b)(1)- Pre-workout Examination (5 counts).

02/21/25²

PROGRAM CHANGES

None

02/21/25³

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races went postward under the Watch and Wager banner with a schedule post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated "Fast".

4th Race Recall- Starter Adam Brownlee caused the recall lights to flash charging the recall to #6 MISO CLASSY- Trainer Shannisty Andres- driven by John MacDonald because of broken equipment.

7th Race California Sire Stakes- The 7th Race was a California Sire Stakes event for Three (3) Year Old Colts and Gelding Pacers. There were eight (8) entrants in the race that was carded for a purse of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These horses had been in the detention barn since Noon.

7th Race Inquiry- the Stewards caused the Inquiry sign to be lit against 2nd place finisher #5 YERDERNTOOTIN- Trainer Bob Johnson- driven by James Lackey for possible violation of the breaking rule. After video review, the stewards determined there was no violation and the race was made official.

7th Race Stewards List- The stewards put #1 NIGHT TRIAN LANE- Trainer Bob Johnson- on the Stewards List for a Break Off a Qualifier. As a note, this Stewards List will not effect his eligibility to further California Sire Stakes.

7th Race Driver Summons- Driver Nick Roland who drove 3rd place finisher #4 JK CACHE MEOUSIDE- Trainer Nick Roland- was summoned to the stewards office on Thursday, February 27th for possible violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule.

02/21/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	90	\$14,315.00
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$165,866.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$466,354.66
TOTAL	90	\$646,535.94

SATURDAY

02/22/25¹

QUALIFIERS

One (1) race went postward at 6:00 PM over a track rated “Fast” with three (3) of the four (4) participants successful.

02/22/25²

PROGRAM CHANGES

- 6th Race #1 HELP PAGE- Trainer Gretchen Smith- Injured- Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$82.86.
- 6th Race With the declaration of #1 HELP PAGE, the field size was reduced to four (4) horses, so show wagering was eliminated.
- 7th Race #1 BOBS TIME- Trainer Earl Kennedy- Injured- by Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. Refund: \$112.50.
- 8th Race #10 SWEET YOUNG THING- Trainer Bob Johnson- Injured- Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. Refund: \$80.12.

02/22/25³

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races went postward under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:42 PM over a track rated “ Fast”.

Timer Issues- For most of the night, the sensor for the timer at the ½ mile marker was not working thereby causing Timer Tina Waters to manually trigger the station. This has been an ongoing problem with the timer, usually at the ½ mile station causing manual triggering. The station may not be working one race but will be fine the next. Speculation as to why this happens seems to be the sensitivity of the eye where a foreign object will be blocking the eye, but is naturally removed, probably by breezes or wind, allowing the station to work properly.

2nd Race California Sire Stakes- The 2nd race was a California Sire Stakes event for Three (3) Year Old Filly Pacers. There were four (4) entrants in the race that was carded for a purse of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These horses had been in the detention barn since Noon.

02/22/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	110	\$15,788.30
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$181,348.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$402,125.94
TOTAL	100	\$599,262.74

SUNDAY
02/23/25¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri 02/21	Sat 02/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	7
Disqualifications	0	0	0	6
Inquiries	1	0	1	12
Refunds	0	3	3	16
Rulings	3	0	3	27
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1

Rod Newhart, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

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