

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Watch And Wager, LLC
Cal Expo, Sacramento, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Through Sunday, April 13 , 2025

TUESDAY

04/08/25¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

04/08/25²

ENTRY DAY

The race office was open today conducting a Double Draw for both Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th. One hundred forty-four (144) horses were entered with one hundred forty-two (142) drawing in.

There is a nine (9) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM for Friday and ten a (10) race card scheduled for Saturday with a post time 6:42 PM.

04/08/25³

QUALIFYING DRAW

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Saturday, April 12th. One (1) race was drawn with a post time of 6:00 PM.

04/08/25⁴

DARK DAY

WEDNESDAY

04/09/25¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to accept changes for Friday, April 11th. There were several driver changes and one (1) declaration.

04/09/25²

DARK DAY

THURSDAY
04/10/25¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to accept changes for Saturday, April 12th. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

04/10/25²

DRIVER IN

Driver Jessie Pacheco who drove #1 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE- Trainer Jessie Pacheco- in the 1st race on Saturday, April 5th, was in to review his actions in the stretch which led to his placing. Mr. Pacheco agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721 (j). Ruling to follow.

Driver Jessie Pacheco who drove #3 SKOOCH'S VALENTINE- Trainer Jessie Pacheco- in the 3rd race on Saturday, April 5th, was in to review his actions with the whip in the stretch. Mr. Pacheco agreed that is actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1734 (b)(8). Ruling to follow.

04/10/25³

INFORMAL HEARING SCHEDULED

The first scheduled hearing was financial complaint 25SW0014, against GCCI & Roy Guinnane by complainant Dr. Kim Kuhlmann on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. The respondents, GCCI & Roy Guinnane, failed to appear to answer the charge. Ruling to follow.

The second scheduled hearing was a financial complaint 25SW0015, against Ernie Meza by complainant Dr. Kim Kuhlmann on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. The respondent, Mr. Meza, failed to appear to answer charge. Ruling to follow.

04/10/25⁴

DARK DAY

FRIDAY
04/11/25¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

The following Rulings were written:

Ruling # 53

Owner **CLINT ROBERTS**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 3, 2025, is suspended effective April 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$1,106.69 to DR KEN ALLISON (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

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

Ruling # 54

Trainer/Owner **LUCIANO MEDINA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 3, 2025, is suspended effective April 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer

charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$34,320.00 to DR KEN ALLISON (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

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

Ruling # 55

Owner **SARAH McCARTHY**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 3, 2025, is suspended effective April 21, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$270.00 to DR KEN ALLISON (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **SARAH McCARTHY**, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied.

Ruling # 56

Cal Expo Trainer EDWARD LEON SMITH was the trainer of record of MAGICAL RAINFOREST, who was subject of an out of competition test following a qualifying race Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Cal Expo. The University of Davis Maddy Lab tested the blood sample NC64566 which revealed the presence of Phenylbutazone (1.2ug/mL), a Class 4, Penalty C Violation. Mr. Smith is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1842.5, #1843(a) & (c), #1843.1 (b), #1843.4, #1868(b)(1) and #1887. Mr. Smith waived his right to appear.

Ruling # 57

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove #1 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE In the first race on Saturday, April 5, 2025, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721 (j) (change course after selecting a position in the home stretch, or bear in or out, in such manner as to interfere with another horse or cause him to change stride or break). While driving #1 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE, Mr. Pacheco did change course after selecting his position in the stretch, impeding the progress of #2 DANIELS SON driven by James Kennedy, forcing him to check and change course. #1 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE finished 2nd and was placed 3rd for the violation.

Ruling # 58

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove #3 SKOOCH'S VALENTINE in the third race on Saturday, April 5, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b) (8) (use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

Ruling # 59

Cal Expo Driver NICK ROLAND, who drove #3 CELEBRITY STATUS in the ninth race on Saturday, April 5, 2025, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered/Driving with foot out of stirrup/urging by contact). While driving #3 CELEBRITY STATUS, Mr. Roland did remove his foot from the stirrup and made contact with the horse several times during the final quarter of the race.

Ruling # 60

Owner **GCCI & Roy Guinnane**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 10, 2025, is suspended effective April 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$8,546.00 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **GCCI & Roy Guinnane**, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this Jurisdiction.

Ruling # 61

Owner **ERNIE MEZA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 10, 2025, is suspended effective April 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$7,656.57 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

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

04/11/25²

PROGRAM CHANGES

There were none.

04/11/25³

RACE DAY

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

04/11/25⁴

1ST RACE DELAY

There was a slight delay prior to tonight's first race as Gerald Longo, driver of #4 WISH I HAD THYME- Trainer Jose Castillo- was sent back to the paddock to put on his safety vest.

04/11/25⁵

5th RACE DRIVER CALLED

Driver James Kennedy, who drove #8 THRILL OF THE HUNT- Trainer Earl Kennedy- was called following the 5th Race and summoned to The Steward's Office on Thursday, April 17th to discuss his actions with the whip in the stretch.

04/11/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	100	\$15,504.20
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$212,372.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$385,763.24
Total		\$613,340.84

SATURDAY

04/12/25¹

QUALIFYING RACE

There was one (1) qualifying race held over a track rated "Fast" Prior to the regular races with post time at 6:00 PM. Five (5) of the six (6) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards.

04/12/25²

PROGRAM CHANGES

There were none.

04/12/25³

RACE DAY

Ten races were scheduled tonight over a "Fast" track with scheduled post time 6:42 P.M.

04/12/25⁴

2nd RACE STEWARDS LIST

#2 NEVER ON A SUNDAY was put on the steward's list for making a break off a qualifier and must re-qualify. Trainer Quentin Schneider.

04/12/25⁵

6th RACE TRESPASSER ON TRACK

Shortly after the field crossed the finish line in tonight's sixth race, a trespasser wandered onto the track on the backstretch near the five-eighths pole. Safety Steward Tom McCarthy responded to confront the man. After a brief encounter, the trespasser joined Mr. McCarthy in his golf cart and was driven off the racetrack and was eventually escorted off the grounds.

04/12/25⁶

8th RACE HORSE COLLAPSED ON TRACK POST RACE

As the horses were returning to the paddock after the eighth race #2 SEARCH AND DESTROY- Trainer Nick Roland- collapsed on the racetrack just outside of the paddock. After the human ambulance and equine ambulances were positioned to block the view from grandstand, California Horse Racing board Chief Veterinarian Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz and Track Veterinarian Dr. Laurel Saldinger made numerous attempts to revive the horse. Those attempts were unsuccessful and after approximately a ten minute delay, the horse was removed from the racetrack and loaded into the equine ambulance.

04/12/25⁷

9th RACE CLAIM

#7 MADE OF MISSCHIEF was claimed for eleven thousand six hundred dollars (\$11,600.00) by owner John MacDonald, Vernon NY- new trainer John MacDonald.

04/12/25⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	62	\$10,236.00
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$194,325.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$636,811.00
Total		\$841,372.90

SUNDAY
04/13/25¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/11	Sat 04/12	Week Meet	
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	1	1	10
Disqualifications	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	0	0	0	14
Refunds	0	0	0	24
Rulings	7	0	7	61
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

John Yinger , Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward

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