

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 Monday, April 14 through Sunday, April 20, 2025.

MONDAY04/14/25¹**DARK DAY****TUESDAY**04/15/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries. Eleven (11) races were carded for Friday and Eleven (11) races for Saturday. One hundred and fifty-four (154) entries were taken with One hundred and fifty-four (154) drawing in.

WEDNESDAY04/16/25¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday overnight sheet. Numerous driver changes were made, and no scratches were reported.

THURSDAY04/17/25¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Saturday overnight sheet. Numerous driver changes were made. One veterinarian scratched sick on the horse AERIAL VIEW for Saturday's card.

04/17/25²**INFORMAL HEARINGS**

Driver **JAMES KENNEDY** appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss his whipping violation. He agreed that he was in violation of CHRB rule #1734 (b)(8) Use of the whip more than six times during a race. Mr. Kennedy was advised that any further whipping violations will result in escalating fines. Ruling to follow.

MATUSZAK PRE-WORKOUT EXAMINAION (25GS0061)

Dr. Steven Matuszak hearing scheduled for today was held via teleconference. Mr. Matuszak does not recall all nine (9) counts against him but did admit his record keeping could have been better organized to prevent this situation. The stewards have issued warnings to other veterinarians in the past and with Mr. Matuszak only having one fine in the last five (5) years the stewards felt issuing a warning on this matter was the proper thing to do. Ruling to follow.

RIVERA FINANCIAL (25SW0010)

Mr. Leobardo Rivera, having failed to appear for his scheduled 12:00pm hearing, is hereby suspended for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear). Ruling to Follow.

DELIMA FINANCIAL (25SW0009)

Ms. Barbara DeLima, having failed to appear for his scheduled 1:00pm hearing, is hereby suspended for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear). Ruling to Follow.

DELIMA FINANCIAL (25SW0009)

Mr. Cliff DeLima, having failed to appear for his scheduled 1:00pm hearing, is hereby suspended for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear). Ruling to Follow.

RABOIN FINANCIAL (25GS0024)

Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Kaitlyn Raboin, having failed to appear for their scheduled 3:00pm hearing, is hereby suspended for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear). Ruling to Follow.

FRIDAY
04/18/25¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

CAL EXPO RULING #63

Cal Expo Driver JAMES KENNEDY, who drove #8 THRILL OF THE HUNT in the fifth race on Friday, April 11, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (8) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

CAL EXPO RULING #64

Veterinarian Dr. Steven Matuszak is hereby given an OFFICIAL WARNING for a violation of CHRB Rule #1842 Veterinarian Reports; 1878(b)(2)(c) Pre-Workout Examinations (9 counts)

CAL EXPO RULING #65

Owner MATTHEW & KAITLYN RABOIN, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 11, 2025, is suspended effective May 5, 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 - \$5,465.00 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

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

CAL EXPO RULING #66

Trainer / Owner **LEOBARDO RIVERA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 17, 2025, is suspended effective May 5, 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 - \$90,000.92 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.))

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

CAL EXPO RULING #67

Owner **BARBARA DELIMA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 17, 2025, is suspended effective May 5, 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 - \$1,266.00 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.))

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

CAL EXPO RULING #68

Owner **CLIFF DELIMA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on April 17, 2025, is suspended effective May 5, 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 - \$53,590.50 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.))

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

04/18/25²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

10th Race #4 WHAT CHEER – Scratched-Sick – Tr. Nick Roland – Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$221.77

11th Race #7 WORTHY OPPONENT – Scratched-Sick – Tr. Bob Johnson – Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. REFUND: \$338.93

04/18/25³

RACE DAY

Eleven (11) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM. Clear skies, 77 degrees over a track rated as “Fast” to begin the evening.

7th Race The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign for an incident during the first quarter of the mile. #3 APPLE JUICE did go inside two pylons while on a break in stride, and it was unanimously voted on that she gained an unfair advantage. #3 Apple Juice finished 5th and was placed 6th for being lapped on at the wire by #2 TJB Secreharriet

Original Order of Finish: 1-4-6-5-3-2-7

Official Order of Finish 1-4-6-5-2-3-7

- 9th Race #7 ROCKIN SAGE – Was put on the stewards list immediately following the race by Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz.
- 10th Race #4 WHAT CHEER – Was inadvertently scratched in error by Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz prior to the races. Stewards unanimously agreed to allow this horse to race for “Purse Money Only” using CHRB Rule #1974(b).

04/18/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK		\$16,418.00
SCOTWINC		\$210,381.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$444,494.32
TOTAL		\$671,293.92

SATURDAY

04/19/25¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 3rd Race #4 RAGGED BUT RIGHT – Scratched-Injured – Tr. Natalie Tremblay – Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$160.32
- 7th Race #7 JK CACHE MEOUSIDE – Scratched, Sick – Tr. Nick Roland – Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$276.72

04/19/25²

RACE DAY

Eleven (11) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM. Clear skies, 75 degrees over a track rated as “Fast” to begin the evening.

1st Race - Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS, driver of #7 ROSE RUN ZUES, was summoned to the Steward’s office on Thursday April 19, 2025, for a violation of CHRB Rule 1721(L) (unreasonable slow quarter).

8th Race - Driver LUKE PLANO, driver of #6 EL’S DISCO JOHNNY, was summoned to the Steward’s office on Thursday April 19, 2025, to discuss possible whip violation (third offense of the meet).

9th Race - Driver JAMES KENNEDY, driver of #6 ALLMYX’S LIVENTEXAS, was summoned to the Steward’s office on Thursday April 19, 2025, to discuss possible whip violation (second offense of the meet).

04/19/25³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK		\$12,992.90
SCOTWINC		\$209,956.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$325,169.47
TOTAL		\$539,941.67

SUNDAY

04/20/25¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/18	Sat 04/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	10
Disqualifications	1	0	1	9
Inquiries	1	0	1	15
Refunds	2	2	4	0
Rulings	6	0	6	68
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1

John Yinger, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

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