

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Watch And Wager, LLC**

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Through Sunday, April 18, 2021**WEDNESDAY**04/14/21¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Jim Grow Reporting and Duty Steward.

04/14/21²**ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open today conducting a double draw for both Saturday, April 17, 2021 and Sunday, April 18, 2021. There were one hundred and fifty-six (156) horses entered and one hundred and fifty-one (151) horses were drawn. There are twelve (12) races scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021 and eleven (11) races scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2021. Post Time for Saturday is 5:45 PM and Sunday is 5:25 PM. There is also a California Sires Stakes race that will be a non-wagering event on Sunday at 4:55 PM.

THURSDAY04/15/21¹**CHANGES**

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Saturday, April 17, 2021. There were many driver changes, no scratches. Assistant Racing Secretary Brent Bridges informed Steward Jim Grow that One (1) horse had been inadvertently left out of Wednesday's draw. Since the horse had been properly entered by Trainer Kathleen Plested, the Stewards agreed to place the horse (IN FOR THE CHASE) in the ninth race on Saturday, April 17, 2021 in the outside post position number nine (#9).

04/15/21²**STEWARDS HEARING**

A formal hearing was held in the Stewards' Office at Cal Expo regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #21SW0006. The complaint alleges violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1489 (a) (7) (Committing an act involving moral turpitude or intemperate acts which have exposed others to danger), #1485

(d) (Violation of probation issued on December 18, 2020, Ruling #36 and Agreement to Test issued on March 21, 2020, Ruling #29) and California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1902 (Conduct detrimental to horse racing) against Driver Phillip Knox. California Horse Racing Board Investigator David Aguilar, Court Reporter Wendy Frazier, Licensee Knox and all Stewards were present.

An informal hearing was held in the Stewards' Office at Cal Expo regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #21SW0009. The complaint alleges violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) against Trainer Richard Bertrand. California Horse Racing Board Special Investigator Louis Quezada, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Hunter Bartholomew, Licensee Bertrand, witnesses George Hanford, Joy McDuffie, Melissa Olsen, Dr. Lane Schloeder, Lauren Hardenburgh and all Stewards were present.

FRIDAY

04/16/21¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Sunday, April 18, 2021. There were several driver changes, no scratches.

04/16/21²

STEWARDS HEARING

An informal hearing was held in the Stewards' Office at Cal Expo regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #21SW0007. The complaint alleges violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for suspension or Revocation) against Driver Vod Farris. California Horse Racing Board Investigator David Aguilar, Licensee Farris, and all Stewards were present.

04/16/21³

DRIVER IN

Driver Nick Roland was asked to come into the Stewards' Office to review the video of his drive in the eighth (8th) race on Sunday, April 11, 2021. While driving #7 STANHOPE, Mr. Roland did whip using other than wrist and elbow action. Driver Roland was informed he was being fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for his violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only).

SATURDAY

04/17/21¹

QUALIFYING RACES

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers that will be held before the races at 4:40 PM tomorrow, Sunday, April 18, 2021.

04/17/21²

SUBSTITUTE TRACK VETERINARIAN

Dr. Kathy Jones filled in as Track Veterinarian for Dr. Tom Bergstrom.

04/17/21³

PROGRAM CHANGES

4th Race Declaration - #1 MANLEY STANLEY – Trainer: Lisa Caposio – Judges – Personal. A refund was issued of forty-eight dollars and eight cents (\$48.08).
6th Race declaration – #5 WINIHAVETIME Trainer: Gordon Graham – Veterinarian – Injured by Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. A refund was issued of one hundred ninety-seven dollars and forty cents (\$197.40).

04/17/21⁴

PROGRAM CORRECTION

As a result of the Declarations reducing the fields to four (4) wagering interests, the Show Wagering has been removed from both races four (4) and six (6).

04/17/21⁵

RACE DAY

Twelve (12) races were conducted on a "Fast" track with no allowance. Post Time was scheduled for 5:52 PM.

3RD RACE CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

A field of five (5) three (3) year old pacing fillies contested a California Sire Stakes event for a purse of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

6TH RACE CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

A field of four (4) four (4) year old pacing fillies contested a California Sire Stakes event for a purse of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

RACE DAY

8th Race – Driver Gerald Longo was informed that he was being fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (d) (Drivers may not use the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond).

8th Race – Driver Luke Plano was informed that he was being fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only).

11th Race – The Stewards lit the Inquiry Sign upon completion of the race to review an incident that occurred near mid-stretch between #1 BETTOR'S PROMISE driven by James Lackey and #4 TRASHYTONGUETALKER driven by Nick Roland. Mr. Lackey's horse appeared to drift off the pylons briefly allowing just enough room for Mr. Roland to drive through the opening. After reviewing the video, the Stewards determined there was insufficient evidence for a placing. The Inquiry Sign was then taken down and the results were made official.

04/17/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	50	\$15,548.50
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$114,083.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$654,544.72
Total		\$784,176.22

SUNDAY

04/18/21¹

RULING #75

In the Matter of: Driver Phillip Knox

Following a formal hearing held in the Stewards' Office at Cal Expo on Thursday, April 15, 2021 regarding a complaint (Case Number 21SW0006), Driver Phillip Knox is hereby issued a full suspension for ninety (90) days beginning April 18, 2021 through and including July 16, 2021.

Mr. Knox is in violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a) (7) (Committing an act involving moral turpitude or intemperate acts which have exposed others to danger). California Horse Racing Board Rule #1485 (d) (Violation of probation issued on December 18, 2020, Ruling #36 and Agreement to Test issued on March 21, 2020, Ruling #29) and California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902 (Conduct detrimental to Horse Racing).

Further, prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges, Mr. Knox must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation acceptable to the Board of Stewards.

Mr. Knox will remain on an Agreement to Test that he signed dated April 15, 2021 which will extend to any license issued.

RULING #76

In the Matter of: Trainer/Driver Vod Farris

Following an informal hearing held in the Stewards' Office at Cal Expo on Friday, April 16, 2021 regarding a complaint (Case Number 21SW0007), Driver Vod Farris is hereby issued a full suspension for thirty (30) days beginning April 19, 2021 through and including May 18, 2021.

Mr. Farris is in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a) (8) (Unlawfully engaging in use of any narcotic, dangerous drug or marijuana).

Further, prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges, Mr. Farris must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation acceptable to the Board of Stewards.

Mr. Farris will remain on an Agreement to Test which will extend to any license issued.

RULING #77

In the Matter of: Driver Nick Roland

Driver Nick Roland, who drove #7 STANHOPE in the 8th race at Cal Expo on Sunday, April 11, 2021, is hereby fined the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only). Third offense within 60 days.

RULING #78

In the Matter of: Driver Luke Plano

Driver Luke Plano, who drove #5 ALWAYSALITTLEMORE in the 8th race at Cal Expo on Saturday April 17, 2021 is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only). Second offense in 60 days.

RULING #79

In the Matter of: Driver Gerald Longo

Driver Gerald Longo, who drove #3 ROCKIN WITH LOU in the 8th race at Cal Expo on Saturday April 17, 2021 is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1734 (d) (Driver may not use the whip more than three times in a succession without giving the horse a chance to respond). Second offense in 60 days.

04/18/21²

SUBSTITUTE TRACK VETERINARIAN

Dr. Kathy Jones filled in as Track Veterinarian for Dr. Tom Bergstrom.

04/18/21³

QUALIFYING RACES

One (1) qualifying race was held on a "Fast" track with no allowance today. Post Time was 4:40 PM. Two (2) horses participated with both meeting qualifying standards

04/18/21⁴

PROGRAM CHANGE

11th Race Declaration - #6 PLACE AT THE BEACH Trainer: Gerald Longo – Veterinarian – Injured by Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. A refund was issued of three hundred twenty-two dollars and four cents (\$322.04).

04/18/21⁵

RACE DAY

Eleven (11) races took place this evening on a "Fast" track with no time allowance. Post Time was scheduled for 5:28 PM.

CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

Prior to this evening's first (1st) race a non-wagering California Sire Stakes event was held for four (4) year old pacing colts and geldings. Four (4) horses competed for a purse of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

2ND RACE

Trainer/Driver Jacob Cutting was informed that #1 DEVILS BROTHER was being placed on the Stewards' List for a Break off a qualifier.

3RD RACE – CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES

A field of seven (7) three (3) year old pacing colts and geldings contested a California Sire Stakes event for a purse of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

3RD RACE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry Sign upon completion of the race to review an incident that took place just before the three fourths (¾) mile marker. #2 CHASE THE GOLD driven by Gerald Longo made a brief break in stride possibly interfering with #1 ALILTHUNDADOWNUNDA driven by Nick Roland. After reviewing the video, the Stewards determined there was insufficient evidence for a placing.

8TH RACE

Driver Jessie Pacheco was informed that he was being fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of the Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (6) (Use of the whip when the horse does not appear to be advancing through the field of horses or is no longer in contention for purse money).

10TH RACE

#6 LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY was placed on the Stewards' List for Repeated Breaks.

04/18/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	40	\$10,867.20
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SCOTWinc	N/A	\$85,809.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$637,629.02
Total		\$734,305.42

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-April	4	1	MANLEY STANLEY	Lisa Caposio	Personal	Judges	\$48.08
17-April	6	5	WINIHAVETIME	Gordon Graham	Injured	De La Cruz	\$197.40
18-April	11	6	PLACE AT THE BEACH	Gerald Longo	Injured	De La Cruz	\$322.04

SUMMARY

	Wed 04/14	Thurs 04/15	Fri 04/16	Sat 04/17	Sun 04/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	0	0	0	0	9
Disqualification	K	K	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	D	D	0	1	1	2	12
Refunds	A	A	0	3	1	4	70
Rulings	Y	Y	0	0	5	5	43
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grow, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward

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