

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
(916) 263-6000
FAX (916) 263-6042



CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
HONORABLE EDMUND G. BROWN JR., GOVERNOR
HONORABLE KEITH BRACKPOOL, CHAIRMAN
HONORABLE DAVID ISRAEL, VICE CHAIRMAN
HONORABLE JESSE H. CHOPER, MEMBER
HONORABLE BO DEREK, MEMBER
HONORABLE RICHARD A. ROSENBERG, MEMBER
HONORABLE CHUCK WINNER, MEMBER
KIRK E. BREED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JACQUELINE WAGNER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, April 30, 2012 through Sunday, May 6, 2012. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

4/30/12 (1)

Entries

The racing office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5.

4/30/12 (2)

Dark Day

Tuesday

5/1/12 (1)

The Draw

Twenty nine (29) races were drawn today for cards to be held on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. Fourteen (14) race will be contested on May 4 with one hundred eleven (111) horses scheduled to start.

Fifteen (15) races are slated for May 5. One hundred twenty four (124) horses are scheduled to start.

5/1/12 (2)

Dark Day

Wednesday

5/2/12 (1)

Scratch Time

The racing office was open today accepting requests to scratch and driver changes for Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. There were nineteen (19) driver changes/selections and one (1) scratch for May 4. There were twenty five (25) driver changes/selections and one (1) scratch for May 5. All changes were activated after today's 9:00am deadline.

5/2/12 (2)

Dark Day

Thursday

5/3/12 (1)

George Luster Hearing (Case No: 125W0017)

A complaint was filed by Blacksmith Luis Oyarzabal against Trainer George Luster for delinquent horseshoeing bills in the amount of one hundred eighty (\$180.00) dollars. These bills date back to December 2011. Blacksmith Oyarzabal accepted ninety (\$90.00) dollars today and this matter is now settled.

5/3/12 (2)

Dark Day**Friday**

5/4/12 (1)

Qualifying Race

Three (3) qualifying races were held prior to tonight's fourteen (14) races pari-mutual card. Of the seventeen (17) competitor's fourteen (14) made the grade.

5/4/12 (2)

Richard Wojcio Film Review [REF: 4/28/12 (1)]

Driver Richard Wojcio appeared in the steward's office to review his drive in yesterday's third (California Sires Stakes) race. Wojcio sat behind #3 "Ra Ra Steven" who finished first but was disqualified and placed sixth for interference on the final turn. Film review showed "Ra Ra Steven" shift outward and hook the inside wheel of #6 "Look's Don't Count" (James Kennedy) and forcing that rival to break stride. Driver Wojcio felt he was clear of "Look's Don't Count" when he shifted out but still accepted responsibility for his actions which led to the eventual disqualification. The stewards all voted to issue the following ruling:

RULING # 33

DRIVER **RICHARD WOJCIO**, WHO DROVE "**RA RA STEVEN**" IN THE THIRD RACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$**200.00**)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1721(B)** (DRIVING RULES – JOSTLE, STRIKE, HOOK WHEELS, OR INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE ¾ MILE MARKER RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION)

5/4/12 (3)

Harold Herrera Film Review [REF:4/28/12 (2)]

Driver Harold Herrera appeared in the steward's office to review his drive behind #7 "Arts Spice" in the sixth race on April 28, 2012. Driver Herrera was involved in the two (2) incidents in the mid-stretch in this race. With an 1/8th of a mile left to race "Arts Spice" shifts out from the middle of the track and severely impedes a fast closing and eventual second place finisher #2 "Jen's Delight" (Luke Plano). Following this incident "Arts Spice" and Driver Herrera veer inward to the track pylon's and into the path of fifth place finisher #4 "Dream U Fool" (Richard Wojcio). There was a steward's inquiry into this race however 'no change' was made in the order of the finish. Driver Herrera was told by the stewards that this drive was quite reckless. He did not offer a defense. In a unanimous vote the stewards issued the following ruling:

RULING # 34

DRIVER **HAROLD HERRERA**, WHO DROVE “**ARTS SPICE**” IN THE SIXTH RACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012 IS HEREBY FINED TWO HUNDRED **(\$200.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # **1721 (J)(K)** (DRIVING RULES – CHANGE COURSE AFTER SELECTING A POSITION IN THE HOMESTRETCH, OR BEAR IN OR OUT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER HORSE WHILE DRIVING IN A RECKLESS MANNER).

5/4/12 (4) **Tim Brown Ruling (Case No:125W009)**

RULING # 35

TRAINER **TIM BROWN** IS HEREBY FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$1,000.00)*** FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #**1980** (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND – NEEDLE AND SYRINGE IN TACKROOM) ON FEBRUARY 29, 2012 AT CAL-EXPO, CA.

The ruling above was issued after the steward’s held a formal hearing [REF:4/26/12 (1)] on April 26th. Tim Brown indicated he would appeal this ruling.

5/4/12 (5) **Ninth Race Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to investigate if sixth place finisher #9 “Bloom N Doom” (Lemoyne Svendsen) complied with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking). In an unanimous vote the stewards rule that this horse did comply with CHRB Rule #1722 and that no change in the order of finish was warranted.

5/4/12 (6) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration - #4 “Giles LS Hanover” – Trainer Bob Johnson
Refund: \$255 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

5/4/12 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	489
Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,536
Handle (In State)	\$433,251
Handle (Out of State)	\$378,463
Total Handle	\$873,250

Saturday

5/5/12 (1) **Seventh Race Inquiry-Non-Starter**

The inquiry sign was posted after the stewards viewed an incident before the start. Film review shows first place finisher #6 “Badger Creek” (Harold Herrera) veer in and interfere with eventual sixth place finisher #5 “Mow Em Down” (Nick Casale). The stewards spoke with both drivers involved and Starter Bill Vallandingham. Following film review the stewards felt the Starter should have enforced CHRB Rule #1730 (B) (Recalls) by issuing a ‘recall’. This was not done, however. In a unanimous decision the stewards declared #5 “Mow Em Down” a non-starter. The tote department was notified and full refunds were ordered

involving #5 “Mow Em Down”. The stewards will meet with Driver Harold Herrera and Starter Bill Vallandingham.

5/5/12 (2)

Ninth Race Wagering Change

Cal Expo management cancelled the show wagering pool for tonight’s ninth race. This race originally had eight (8) starters. The race day scratch of #1 “Stanza” caused this race to go off with seven (7) starters. #8 “Albion” (Luke Plano) went on to win this race at odds of 4/5.

5/5/12 (3)

Fifteenth Race Inquiry-Disqualifications

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race to view an incident at the ¾ mile marker. This incident involved third place finisher #3 “Power Of Elizabeth” (Rocky Stidham) and fifth place finisher #6 “Little Water Tower” (James Kennedy). Film review following this race shows #3 “Power Of Elizabeth” veer out sharply before entering the stretch and force #6 “Little Water Tower” severely off his path. The stewards spoke with both driver involved. In a unanimous decision #3 “Power Of Elizabeth” was disqualified and placed fifth. Driver Rocky Stidham was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 4-8-3-5-6-2-1-7-9

Official order of finish: 4-8-5-6-3-2-1-7-9

5/5/12 (4)

Program Changes

2nd Race Declaration - #2 “Shoot The Works” – Trainer Tim Brown

Refund: \$297 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

7th Race Declaration - #3 “Gusty Winds Ahead” – Trainer Rick Cisco

Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

#5 “Mow Em Down” – Trainer Nick Casale

Refund Total:\$9,627 Declared Non-Starter – Stewards

9th Race Declaration - #1 “Stanza” – Trainer Steve Wiseman

Refund:\$124 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

13th Race Declaration - #2 “Boo Coe Blush” – Trainer Karen Isbell

Refund:\$429 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

5/5/12 (5)

Attendance and Handle

Attendance	491
Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,958
Handle (In State)	\$361,186
Handle (Out of State)	\$598,479
Total Handle	\$1,021,623

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

**ATTENDANCE
REPORT -**

The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
4-May	5	4	GILES LS HANOVER	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 255.00
5-May	2	2	SHOOT THE WORKS	BROWN	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 296.70
5-May	7	3	GUSTY WINDS AHEAD	CISCO	Injured	Goodbary	
5-May	9	1	STANZA	WISEMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 123.60
5-May	13	2	BOO COO BLUSH	ISELL	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 429.10

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,051.40
Fresno	\$	2,754.50
Fresno Club One	\$	1,032.10
Golden Gate	\$	26,624.00
Monterey	\$	5,471.60
Pleasanton	\$	20,256.60
Sacramento	\$	86,996.70
San Jose	\$	20,948.30
San Mateo	\$	36,212.40
Santa Rosa	\$	7,129.80
Stockton	\$	10,744.30
Tulare	\$	552.30
Turlock	\$	654.20
Vallejo	\$	11,281.30
So. California	\$	322,637.20

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2012

	Mon 04/30	Tues 05/01	Wed 05/02	Thurs 05/03	Fri 05/04	Sat 05/05	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	8
Claims	R	R	R	R	2	1	3	24
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	1	1	15
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	2	3	42
Refunds	A	A	A	A	1	5	6	175
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	0	3	35

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Baker, Meyers and Oke were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward