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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 22, 2008 through Sunday, December 28, 2008. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

12/22/08 (1) **Entries and Draw for Friday 12/26/08 & Saturday 12/27/08**

Entries were taken and a double draw held for Friday and Saturday's card. At the 4:00 p.m. draw for Friday's card one hundred twenty seven (127) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) events. Scratch time for this card will be tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

At the 4:45 p.m. draw for Saturday's card one hundred thirty one (131) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) events. Scratch time for this card will be tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

12/22/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

12/23/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 12/26/08**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were eleven (11) driver changes and no scratches.

12/23/08 (2) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card 12/27/08**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were thirty seven (37) driver changes and no scratches.

12/23/08 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

12/24/08 (1) **Dark Day**

Thursday

12/25/08 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

12/26/08 (1) **Clean Card – Two Minor Incidents**

We had a clean card with very competitive racing, one driver change and one trainer sanctioned for arriving late to the paddock.

Additionally, at the conclusion of Race 12, Driver Luke Plano was contacted by the stewards who were concerned about the positioning of his 'hand holds' and consequently his ability to control his horse. Driver Plano acknowledged the steward's concern and promised to make adjustments.

12/26/08 (2) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration - #4 "Stanza" - Trainer Vickie Desomer

Refund: \$221 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

#9 "Shalana" – Trainer Rick Plano

Refund: \$80 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

6th Race Driver Change - #5 "Highway Man"

R. Wojcio for Programmed Driver T. Clevenger

7th Race Declaration - #4 "Fich Inter Letrado" – Trainer Lisa Van Tassel

Refund: \$41 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

14th Race Declaration - #8 "Gimme Hope" – Trainer James Covemaker

Refund: \$16 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

15th Race Declaration- #6 "Party Bunny" – Trainer Brian Solden

Refund: \$44 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/26/08 (3) **Sixth Race – Claim**

"Leadmeastray" was claimed by Ron Lingle and Frank Petrelli from Gene Vallandingham for Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars. The new trainer is Frank Petrelli.

12/26/08 (4)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	287
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,272
	Handle (In State)	\$547,868
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$529,810</u>
	Total Handle	\$1,138,950

Saturday

12/27/08 (1) **Entries and Draw for Thursday 01/01/09**

Entries were taken and a draw held for the New Years Day program. At the 10:45 a.m. draw seventy nine (79) horses were drawn to compete in ten (10) races. Scratch time is tonight at 8:00 p.m.

12/27/08 (2) **Qualifying Entries for Saturday 12/27/08**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for two (2) qualifying races with eleven (11) horses competing. These races to be conducted this evening at 4:30 p.m.

12/27/08 (3) **Informal Hearing – Case #08-SW0117/Trainer Dario Solares – Phenylbutazone**

Trainer Dario Solares appeared in the steward's office, having waived his right to a formal hearing, to address California Horse Racing Board Complaint #08-SW0117 'Bute Overage' on the horse "Cherry Tree Kate" who raced on November 26, 2008 and subsequently, tested high (5.54 ug/ml). Also in attendance were the Board of Stewards (Baker, McLaren and Oke) along with Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri and California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Dr. Robert Goodbary.

Trainer Solares admitted his culpability in this matter and reviewed his medication procedures with Dr. Goodbary. More to follow.

12/27/08 (4) **Qualifying Races**

At 4:30 p.m. two (2) qualifying races were held under the supervision of Stewards Baker and McLaren. In these events nine (9) of eleven (11) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

12/27/08 (5) **Eighth Race – Driver Objection/No Change**

At the conclusion of Race #8, the driver of #8 "Adora" (Jason Ricco), the third (3rd) place finisher in this event, lodged an 'objection' against #3 "The Situation" (Gilbert Garcia-Herrera), the second (2nd) place finisher, for interference in the stretch. After viewing films and speaking with the drivers involved, the stewards unanimously concluded that the incident did not cost #8 an opportunity for a better placing, thus no change.

12/27/08 (6) **Tenth Race – Driver Objection/Inquiry/Double Disqualification**

At the conclusion of Race #10, the stewards posted the ‘inquiry’ sign to view two (2) separate incidents in the race. Simultaneously, the driver of #8 “Algebra” (Jason Ricco) filed an ‘objection’ against #3 “Jane The Brain” (Gilbert Garcia Herrera) alleging interference in the stretch.

In the opinion of the stewards, there were two (2) separate incidents during the stretch drive.

In the first incident, the second (2nd) place finisher #3 “Jane The Brain” (Gilbert Garcia Herrera) ‘bears out’ throughout the stretch drive causing #8 “Algebra” (Jason Ricco) to check abruptly, costing #8 an opportunity for a better placing, thus the stewards unanimously vote to disqualify #3 and place her fourth (4th) behind #8.

In the second incident, #6 “Charmer” (Jason Maier) shifted out midstretch causing #4 “Sandra Hotspur” to check, costing #4 a chance for a better placing, thus the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #6 and place her behind #4.

Drivers Herrera and Maier were ordered to film review.

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

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

12/27/08 (7) **Kudos to JR and Track Crew**

After experiencing some problems and horsemen’s concerns during the previous week’s inclement weather, the race track was in excellent condition for the Christmas week’s programs. This, despite management’s severe restrictions of the track crew’s hours. “Great Job”.

12/27/08 (8) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Program Correction - #6 “Holly Hill Dandy”
Should read “First Time Lasix”

5th Race Program Correction - #6 “Mo Valley Stoner”
Should read “First Time Lasix”

5th Race Program Correction - #8 “Bronte Anas Boy”
Should read “First Time Lasix”

7th Race Program Correction - #4 “One More Molly”
Should read “First Time Lasix”

10th Race Declaration - #5 “Taxi Dancer” – Trainer Vickie Desomer
Refund: \$234 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12th Race Program Correction - #3 “Little Box Out”
Should read “First Time Lasix”

14th Race Declaration - #8 “Paul The Powerful” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera
Refund: \$71 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/27/08 (9)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	326
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$74,149
	Handle (In State)	\$673,002
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$382,137</u>
	Total Handle	\$1,129,288

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
26-Dec	3	4	STANZA	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$221.00
	3	9	SHALANA	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$80.00
	7	4	FICH INTER LETRADO	VAN TASSEL	Injured	Goodbary	\$41.00
	14	8	GIMME HOPE	COVEMAKER	Injured	Goodbary	\$16.00
	15	6	PARTY BUNNY	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$44.00
27-Dec	10	5	TAXI DANCER	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$234.00
	14	8	PAUL THE POWERFUL	HERRERA	Injured	Goodbary	\$71.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	8,355.10
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	4,610.90
Fresno Club One	\$	1,663.90
Golden Gate	\$	56,141.10
Monterey	\$	10,295.30
Pleasanton	\$	36,854.80
Sacramento	\$	107,184.00
San Jose	\$	42,715.30
San Mateo	\$	69,414.70
Santa Rosa	\$	16,852.70
Stockton	\$	31,965.10
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	23,421.40
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	911,947.26

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2008**

	Mon 12/22	Tues 12/23	Wed 12/24	Thurs 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	0	1	1
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	2	2	2
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	0	1	1	1
Refunds	A	A	A	A	5	2	7	7
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	0

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward