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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 23, 2009 through Sunday, November 29, 2009. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/23/09 (1) **Entries and Draw for Friday 11/27/09**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Friday's program. At the 1:30 p.m. draw one hundred thirty seven (137) head were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) pari-mutuel events, plus two (2) non-betting events for Cal-Sired three year old filly pacers and trotters with first post for the non-wagering events scheduled for 5:10 p.m. Scratch time for all events is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

11/23/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

11/24/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 11/27/09**

At scratch time there were nineteen (19) driver corrections, four (4) trainer corrections and no scratches.

11/24/09 (2) **Entries and Double Draw for Saturday 11/28/09 & Sunday 11/29/09**

Entries were taken and a double draw conducted for Saturday and Sunday's card. At the 12:15 p.m. draw for Saturday's card, one hundred thirty nine (139) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) pari-mutuel events, plus two (2) non-betting events for Cal-Sired 3 year old colt and gelding trotters and pacers with first post for the non-wagering events scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Immediately following, ninety-three (93) head were drawn to compete in eleven (11) races on Sunday's card.

Scratch time for all events is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

11/24/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

11/25/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday 11/28/09 & Sunday 11/29/09**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were thirty six (36) driver corrections and two (2) injured scratches.

For Sunday's card there were twenty-seven (27) driver corrections, one (1) claiming price correction and one (1) injured scratch.

11/25/09 (2) **J. Petrelli/Trainers Test**

Prospective Trainer Jen Petrelli, wife of Trainer Frank Petrelli, appeared in the steward's office to inquire into the possibility of re-taking the California Horse Racing Board Trainers Test.

After consultation with the other Board of Steward's members, the duty steward (Oke) informed Mrs. Petrelli that she must meet with the full Board of Stewards before taking the test.

A mutually agreeable meeting time is being arranged. (More to follow)

11/25/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

11/26/09 (1) **Day of Thanks**

The Cal-Expo Board of Stewards wishes a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

11/26/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

11/27/09 (1) **Qualify Entries**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet reflecting twenty (20) head to face Starter Bill Vallandingham in four (4) qualifying races, with a scheduled post time of 4:30 this p.m.

11/27/09 (2) **Exceptional Effort**

With the arrival of the stable of Chris Conrad coinciding with the Thanksgiving holiday, a difficult situation developed concerning licensing of several 'out of state' owners.

California Horse Racing Board License Clerk Cynde Neal came to the Cal-Expo steward's office on Friday afternoon (her day off) and expedited the licensing of several of these owners, thus facilitating the participation of their horses in the week's program.

The Cal-Expo Board of Stewards wishes to recognize this extra effort which was very much appreciated by those directly affected.

- 11/27/09 (3) **Clean Card**
The evening card was conducted with no notable incidents, with an ‘inquiry’ at the conclusion of Race #12 concerning violations of the breaking rule, resulting in ‘no change’.
- 11/27/09 (4) **Driver Changes/Jason Maier**
Driver Jason Maier, who has several bouts of illness lately, was excused from his final three (3) drives of the evening. Substitute drivers were named by the trainers involved.
- 11/27/09 (5) **Race #9/Claim**
In this evening’s 9th Race, the 4 year old mare “Sweet Treats” was claimed from Owners Donald E. and Charles E. Conrad, and Fred C. Schroeder by Owner Farrell York for \$5,800. The new trainer will be Tim Maier.
- 11/27/09 (6) **Program Changes**
1st Non Betting Race Program Correction - #2 “Firewall”
Program should read: 1st Time Lasix
2nd Non Betting Race Declaration - #2 “Silver Bloom” – Trainer Rick Plano
Refund: N/A Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
5th Race Declaration - #6 “Deal Me In” – Trainer Vickie Desomer
Refund: \$52 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
5th Race Program Correction - #7 “Sadie Sweetheart”
Program should read: 1st Time Lasix
6th Race Declaration - #1 “Mighty Fine Hi Ho” – Trainer James Wilkinson
Refund: \$103 Sick – Dr. Robert Goodbary
8th Race Driver Change - #7 “Sweetie of Lodi”
Trent Tharps for Programmed Driver Jason Maier
8th Race Declaration - #10 “Fine Wine – Trainer Robert Stepien
Refund: \$40 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
9th Race Driver Change – #8 “Boss New York N”
Richard Wojcio for Programmed Driver Jason Maier
10th Race Driver Correction - #2 “Stick Up”
Program should read: Driver – Gilbert Herrera
10th Race Declaration - #2A “Jane The Brain” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera
Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
10th Race Program Correction - #3 “Get Ready To Rumba”
Program should read: Owner – Fred Schroeder & Donald Conrad
11th Race Driver Change - #6 “Bangers And Mash N”
Trent Tharps for Programmed Driver Jason Maier
12th Race Declaration - #2 “Bit O Lavec” – Trainer Frank Petrelli
Refund: \$51 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
14th Race Declaration - #2 “Apache Red” – Trainer Robert Stepien
Refund: \$52 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

11/27/09 (7)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	350
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,623
	Handle (In State)	\$372,334
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$309,529</u>
	Total Handle	\$735,486

Saturday

11/28/09 (1) **Informal Meeting – Van Tassell/Campbell**

An informal meeting was held in the Cal-Expo steward's office in an effort to work out a payment schedule regarding California Horse Racing Board Complaint #09SW-0098.

It became quickly obvious that Mr. Campbell was not interested in any compromise; therefore the stewards informed Ms. Van Tassell that she must comply with the terms of the judgment by the close of business on Thursday, December 03, 2009. More to follow.

11/28/09 (2) **Informal Meeting – Van Tassell**

The stewards held an informal meeting with Licensee Lisa Van Tassell concerning California Horse Racing Board Complaint #09SW-0175. The stewards informed Ms. Van Tassell that the Board of Stewards, by majority vote (Oke dissenting) were dismissing the aforementioned complaint filed by Ms. Van Tassell against Philip Campbell, et al.

11/28/09 (3) **Second Race – Scratch/No Show Wagering**

Due to the early injury scratch of #4 "Calzone" from the original five (5) horse field, 'show' wagering was cancelled by the Board of Stewards.

11/28/09 (4) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

At the conclusion of Race #4, the stewards lit the 'inquiry' sign to investigate an incident in deep stretch when #1A "Pacific Admiral" (Richard Wojcio), #5 "Split Ticket" (Steve Wiseman) and eventual race winner #6 "Ivegotwhatuneeed" (Lemoyne Svendsen) were observed to be in close quarters, with #5 making a brief 'break in stride'.

After reviewing film and speaking with the drivers involved, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #1A had bore out, causing interference to #5 and costing #5 a chance at a better placing. Driver Wojcio was ordered to film review.

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

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

11/28/09 (5) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards posted the 'inquiry' sign at the conclusion of Race #5 to investigate an incident mid-stretch when #4 "Suzette Seelster" (Jason Maier) appeared to alter course to the outside and cause #5 "Red Star Yankee" (Luke Plano) to take up and lose momentum. The films verified this observation. As #5 finished ahead of #4 in the official order of finish,

there was no need for any change. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review.

11/28/09 (6) **Seventh Race – Recall/Betting Stopped**

A recall was called by Starter Bill Vallandingham prior to the start of the race due to broken equipment on #1 “Sadies Storm Cat” (head pole), the eventual race winner. The placing judge did not stop betting; however Scientific Game personnel prematurely stopped wagering. Wagering ‘in house’ was able to be restarted, however wagering at other locations were unable to accept further wagering.

The field was re-formed and the race went off without further incident.

11/28/09 (7) **Eleventh Race – Late to Paddock/Sanction**

The stewards were informed by identifier Carl Sobey that #2 “Bob Lee”, trained by Jason Maier, was late arriving in the paddock. In light of this fact and being that this was Trainer Jason Maier’s second such offense this month, the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling #37

Trainer Jason Maier, who started “Bob Lee” in the Eleventh Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late Arriving in Paddock – 2nd Offense).

11/28/09 (8) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #4 “Calzone” – Trainer Gordon Graham
 Refund: \$95 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 7th Race Declaration - #3 “Roborod” – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$221 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 13th Race Program Correction - #3 “Bordeaux’s Best”
 Program should read: Owners – Allen, Conrad & Schroeder
 14th Race Declaration - #8 “Rosstridgeadventure” – Trainer Larry Hastings
 Refund: \$125 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

11/28/09 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	350
Live Handle (On Track)	\$50,789
Handle (In State)	\$386,578
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$240,909</u>
Total Handle	\$678,276

Sunday

11/29/09 (1) **Driver Richard Wojcio/Film Review**

Driver Richard Wojcio appeared in the steward’s office as instructed to review his drive on #1A “Pacific Admiral” in Saturday’s fourth race.

After reviewing films with the stewards, Driver Wojcio readily accepted responsibility for the incident and concurred with the following ruling:

Ruling # 35

Driver Richard Wojcio, who drove "Pacific Admiral" in the Fourth Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit an Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse Causing Him to Break). The incident occurred in the stretch - resulting in a disqualification).

11/29/09 (2) **Driver Jason Maier/Film Review**

Driver Jason Maier appeared in the steward's office as instructed to review his drive on #4 "Suzette Seelster" in Saturday's Fifth Race.

After reviewing films, Driver Maier agreed with the steward's assessment that he was guilty of moving off the inside without room, causing the outside horse to check and change course. Thus the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 36

Driver Jason Maier, who drove "Suzette Seelster" in the Fifth Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit an Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse (Stretch)).

11/29/09 (3) **Horse Late to Paddock**

Prior to Race #8 the Board of Stewards were informed by Identifier Carl Sobey that 9th Race participant #8 "Special Edition N", trained by Frank Petrelli, was late to the paddock. Trainer Petrelli was contacted by the stewards and informed he was facing a possible penalty (more to follow).

11/29/09 (4) **Horse/Gelding Program Errors**

On Saturday's program #2 "Roger Walkup" in Race #5 and #2 "Rowdy Rowdy" in Race #10, and on Sunday's program #3 "O Tommy" in Race #6 all appeared in the official program as 'horses', when in actual fact all three (3) are 'geldings' and have raced in other jurisdictions (Ohio and Kentucky) as such.

At first glance it appears this problem may have occurred as a result of a 'glitch' in the USTA "E Track" system

All information available to the Board of Stewards was turned over to Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri for further review.

11/29/09 (5) **Program Changes**

8th Race Driver Change - #5 "Mow Em Down"

James Kennedy for programmed Driver Nick Casale

9th Race Declaration - #5 "Allamerican Macro" – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$146 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

10th Race Declaration - #7 "Hanover D G N" – Trainer Brian Solden

Refund: \$196 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

11/29/09 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	216
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$30,750
	Handle (In State)	\$209,099
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$202,139</u>
	Total Handle	\$441,988

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

- 11/28/09 34 Driver Hans Rynningen, who drove “Meringue” in the Thirteenth Race on Friday, November 27, 2009 is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars 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 before the 1/4 mile marker).
- 11/29/09 35 Driver Richard Wojcio, who drove “Pacific Admiral” in the Fourth Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit an Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse Causing Him to Break). The incident occurred in the stretch - resulting in a disqualification).
- 11/29/09 36 Driver Jason Maier, who drove “Suzette Seelster” in the Fifth Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit an Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse (Stretch)).
- 11/29/09 37 Trainer Jason Maier, who started “Bob Lee” in the Eleventh Race on Saturday, November 28, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late Arriving in Paddock – 2nd Offense).

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
27-Nov	2NB	2	SILVERBLOOM	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	N/A
	5	6	DEAL ME IN	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$52.00
	6	1	MIGHTY FINE HI HO	WILKINSON	Sick	Goodbary	\$103.00
	8	10	FINE WINE	STAPIEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$40.00
	10	2A	JANE THE BRAIN	HERRERA	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	12	2	BIT O LAVEC	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$51.00
	14	2	APACHE RED	STAPIEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$52.00
28-Nov	2	4	CALZONE	GRAHAM	Injured	Goodbary	\$95.00
	7	3	ROBOROD	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$221.00
	14	8	ROSSRIDGEADVENTURE	HASTINGS	Injured	Goodbary	\$125.00
29-Nov	9	5	ALLAMERICAN MACRO	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$146.00
	10	7	HANOVER D G N	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$196.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,937.90
Fresno	\$	2,986.40
Fresno Club One	\$	1,999.50
Golden Gate	\$	41,559.60
Monterey	\$	5,581.90
Pleasanton	\$	22,938.40
Sacramento	\$	111,324.60
San Jose	\$	23,981.10
San Mateo	\$	52,004.50
Santa Rosa	\$	6,749.80
Stockton	\$	19,211.30
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	14,399.90
So. California	\$	413,688.20
Out of State	\$	752,576.92

**CAL-EXPO RACING ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY**

2009

	Mon 11/23	Tues 11/24	Wed 11/25	Thurs 11/26	Fri 11/27	Sat 11/28	Sun 11/29	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	2	2	0	4	21
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	0	0	1	13
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	1	0	1	16
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	2	0	3	33
Refunds	A	A	A	A	5	3	2	10	110
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	1	3	4	37

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward