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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 04, 2010 through Sunday, January 10, 2010. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

01/04/10 (1) **Entries and Draw for Thursday 01/07/10 & Friday 01/08/10**

Entries were taken and draws conducted for Thursday and Friday's cards. At the 2:30 p.m. draw for Thursday's card, seventy seven (77) head were drawn to compete in ten (10) races.

Immediately following the draw for Friday's card saw one hundred eleven (111) head drawn to compete in fourteen (14) races. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

01/04/10 (2) **Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

01/05/10 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday and Friday**

At scratch time for Thursday's card there were six (6) driver corrections and no other changes.

At scratch time for Friday's card there were seven (7) driver corrections and no other changes.

01/05/10 (2) **Entries and Draw for Saturday 01/09/10 & 01/10/10**

Entries were taken and draws conducted for Saturday and Sunday's cards. At the 11:30 a.m. draw for Saturday's card one hundred sixteen (116) head were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) events.

Immediately following, a draw was held for Sunday's program with eighty-six (86) head drawn to compete in ten (10) races. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

01/05/10 (3) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

01/06/10 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday and Sunday**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were seven (7) driver corrections and no other changes.

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were eleven (11) driver corrections and no other changes.

01/06/10 (2) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**

01/07/10 (1) **Qualify Entries & Sheet**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for four (4) qualifying events with twenty four (24) participants with post time scheduled for 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

01/07/10 (2) **Driver James Lackey/Film Review**

Driver James Lackey was present in the steward's office to review his winning drive on "Oneout Inthe Eighth" in the first race on Saturday, January 02, 2010.

Of concern to the stewards were the fractions of the event 28<sup>4</sup> 100<sup>4</sup> 129<sup>4</sup> 156<sup>4</sup>, particularly the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which was a rather pedestrian 32 seconds. After reviewing film and a rather lengthy discussion, the stewards issued a warning, but cautioned Driver Lackey that any repeat of this type of incident would result in a fine, suspension or both. Lackey stated it would not happen again.

01/07/10 (3) **Qualify Events**

Four (4) qualifying events under the supervision of Stewards McLaren and Oke were held commencing at 4:00 p.m..

In these events, twenty (20) of twenty four (24) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

01/07/10 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

At the conclusion of Race #3, the stewards lit the 'inquiry' sign to investigate an incident in deep stretch when #1 "Mighty Fine Hi Ho" (Richard Wojcio) broke stride and continued 'off stride' through the finish. After reviewing film and examining the photo finish, the stewards determined the #1 was 'lapped on' by #7 "Ogs Si Bon" (James Kennedy) and #3 "Inconvenient Truth" (Rick Plano), thus #1 was disqualified and placed seventh (7<sup>th</sup>). Driver Wojcio was held blameless.

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

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

01/07/10 (5) **Fifth Race – Accident – Inquiry/No Change**

As the field approached the 1/2 mile marker, #3 "Manaloha" (Jason Ricco) appeared to 'choke', broke stride and veered to the inside and falling in the

process, causing #5 “C Miracle Mary” (Richard Bertrand) to fall. After reviewing film, the stewards attached no blame in the incident. Accident Report attached.

01/07/10 (6) **Tenth Race – Film Review**

The stewards ordered “P” (provisional) Driver Ralph Silvestri III to film review following his drive with #7 “Red Star Poppy” ‘off the gate’ at the start. As this was only Driver Silvestri’s 2<sup>nd</sup> pari-mutuel start, the stewards felt a film review was in order.

01/07/10 (7) **Program Changes**

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 “Champolina” – Trainer Katie Scott  
 Refund: \$32                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #12 “Bankers Babe”  
 Richard Wojcio for programmed Driver Jason Ricco

01/07/10 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	191
Live Handle (On Track)	\$35,188
Handle (In State)	\$202,749
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$198,092</u>
Total Handle	\$436,029

**Friday**

01/08/10 (1) **Driver Ralph Silvestri III/Film Review**

Provisional Driver Ralph Silvestri III appeared in the steward’s office as requested to review his drive in last evening’s 10<sup>th</sup> Race.

The stewards expressed concern that his horse was noticeably ‘off the gate’ at the start. Driver Silvestri explained that he had some difficulty turning his horse and was not able to overcome the resulting disadvantage.

The stewards were mindful of Silvestri’s relative inexperience, explained he must be held to the same standard as all other participants.

After a very productive discussion with a very humble young man, the stewards issued Driver Silvestri a warning.

01/08/10 (2) **First Race – Rule Violation/Driver Contact**

At the conclusion of Race #1 the stewards were in telephone contact with Gilbert Garcia-Herrera, the driver of #6’ “I Go Blind”, the eventual second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place finisher, after Driver Herrera was observed with his left foot ‘out of the stirrup’ during the final 1/8 of a mile.

After a brief telephone conversation, Driver Herrera agreed with the steward’s assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued:

**Ruling # 04**

*Driver Gilbert Garcia-Herrera, who drove #6 “I Go Blind” in the First Race on January 08, 2010, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Driving With Foot Out of Stirrup/Urging by Contact).*



Tony Succarotte for Programmed Driver Jason Ricco  
#5 “Little Rooster”

Tim Maier for Programmed Driver Jason Maier  
14<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #1 “Freedomize”

Lemoyne Svendsen for Programmed Driver Jason Ricco  
14<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 “Top Prize” – Trainer Donald Ratchford  
Refund: \$41                      Stewards

01/09/10 (4)	<b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b>	
	Attendance	296
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,895
	Handle (In State)	\$401,857
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$311,571</u>
	Total Handle	\$756,323

### **Sunday**

#### 01/10/10 (1) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was lit at the conclusion of Race #4 when #5 “Beach Beach Beach” (Lemoyne Svendsen) was observed ‘off stride’ in deep stretch.

After reviewing film the stewards unanimously concluded there was not any violation of the ‘breaking rule’, thus no change.

#### 01/10/10 (2) **Sixth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to investigate an incident in deep stretch when #2 “Heavy Rain Warning” (Ralph Silvestri III), the eventual second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place finisher and #3 “Hezrockintheboat” (Luke Plano) were observed to be in close quarters with #2, appearing to move slightly into the path of #3.

After reviewing films and speaking with the drivers involved, the stewards unanimously concluded that the incident did not cost #3 a chance at a better placing, thus no change.

#### 01/10/10 (3) **Seventh Race – Inquiry/Change**

The stewards posted the ‘inquiry’ sign at the conclusion of Race #7 to investigate an incident mid stretch when #3 “The Ridge” (Tim Maier) broke stride and appeared to interfere with #1 “Panquerayandtonic” (John Chappell), causing #1 to break stride and causing #6 “Heelwin” (Rocky Stidham) to take evasive action.

After reviewing film the stewards reversed the finishing positions of #3 and #1. #6 finished ahead of #3, consequently no change was necessary. Driver Maier was held blameless in the incident.

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

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

#### 01/10/10 (4) **Driver Changes/Driver – Trainer Meeting**

The past week has seen a large increase in the of late driver changes on our programs. This is due primarily to two factors:

- One, the existence and persistence of a rather severe virus that is making the rounds on the backstretch.
- Secondly, a rash of racing accidents which have resulted in minor aggravating injuries to several drivers and unfortunately a much more severe injury to Driver Richard Wojcio, which will keep him out of action for an extended period.

In light of these facts, and as a matter of regular procedures, the stewards have scheduled a meeting on Friday, January 15, 2010 with the drivers and trainers to review all procedures in use at the meet and to re-emphasize the continuing need to adhere to all safety procedures.

It should be noted that the Board of Stewards consider all the accidents previously referred to as 'unavoidable', but a continued emphasis on safety can do no harm.

01/10/10 (5)

**Program Changes**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration - #4 "Siena Hanover" – Trainer Darren Lupul  
Refund: \$50                      Stewards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Driver Change - #6 "Red Star Gilda"  
Etienne Desomer for programmed driver Jason Ricco  
#11 "Jungle Girl"  
Luke Plano for programmed driver Jerry Cisco
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #1 "Stick Up"  
Gilbert Herrera for programmed driver David Siegel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 "Book Of Life" – Trainer Drew Anderson  
Refund: \$82                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #8 "Bronte Anas Boy" – Trainer James Kennedy  
Refund: \$197                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #4 "OK Shark N"  
Program should read "Off Lasix"
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change – 4 "OK Shark N"  
James Lackey for programmed driver Jason Maier
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 "TK Diehard" – Trainer Rick Cisco  
Refund: \$92                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 "Mighty Fella" – Trainer Jason Ricco  
Refund: \$117                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary  
#10 "Magicality" – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III  
Refund: \$115                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

01/10/10 (6)

**Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	190
Live Handle (On Track)	\$25,572
Handle (In State)	\$227,755
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$257,412</u>
Total Handle	\$510,739

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

01/10/10 04 Driver Gilbert Garcia-Herrera, who drove #6 "I Go Blind" in the First Race on January 08, 2010, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Driving With Foot Out of Stirrup/Urging by Contact).

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
7-Jan	8	1	CHAMPOLINA	SCOTT	Injured	Goodbary	\$32.00
8-Jan	7	1	STRIKES N CHARGES	LUPUL	Injured	Goodbary	\$76.00
9-Jan	3	3	RED STAR BILLY	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$29.00
	4	4	CHOMP N STOMP	SILVESTRI	Injured	Goodbary	\$46.00
	6	3	HIGH JACKED	O'MARA	Sick	Goodbary	\$57.00
	11	6	SUZETTE SEELSTER	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$65.00
10-Jan	5	3	BOOK OF LIFE	ANDERSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$82.00
	6	8	BRONTE ANAS BOY	KENNEDY	Injured	Goodbary	\$197.00
	7	9	TK DIEHARD	CISCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$92.00
	10	4	MIGHTY FELLA	RICCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$117.00
	10	10	MAGICALITY	SILVESTRI	Injured	Goodbary	\$115.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	7,874.90
Fresno	\$	3,594.40
Fresno Club One	\$	3,729.40
Golden Gate	\$	54,223.40
Monterey	\$	6,715.80
Pleasanton	\$	26,821.10
Sacramento	\$	126,623.80
San Jose	\$	37,360.10
San Mateo	\$	59,414.20
Santa Rosa	\$	11,047.10
Stockton	\$	22,567.00
Vallejo	\$	12,844.30
So. California	\$	571,958.70
Out of State	\$	1,085,382.04

# CAL-EXPO RACING ASSOCIATION

## SUMMARY

2010

	Mon 01/04	Tues 01/05	Wed 01/06	Thurs 01/07	Fri 01/08	Sat 01/09	Sun 01/10	Total Week	Total Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D	D	D	1	0	1	0	2	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	K	K	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	D	D	2	0	0	3	5	9
<b>Refunds</b>	A	A	A	1	1	6	6	14	42
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	1	1	4

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, McLaren and Meyers were in attendance.**

**All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Brent McLaren, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**