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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 31, 2008 through Sunday, April 06, 2008. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/31/08 (1) Entries for Thursday
Ninety five (95) horses are entered in Thursday's twelve (12) race card.
No Cal-Bred races were used.

03/31/08 (2) Dark Day

Tuesday

04/01/08 (1) Entries for Friday & Saturday
Friday's fourteen (14) race program drew one hundred five (105) entries.
Saturday's fourteen (14) races drew one hundred seven (107) entries. No
Cal-Bred races were used either day.

04/01/08 (2) Entries Delayed
Today's draw for Friday and Saturday was not finalized until after 6:00
p.m. The amateur driving series is this weekend and some trainers are
reluctant to use amateur drivers on their horses. The racing office had to
convince enough trainers to enter so the amateur races could be
competitive. Races 8, 11 and 12 are Friday's and 4, 6 and 8 are Saturday's
amateur races.

04/01/08 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/02/08 (1) **Scratch for Friday & Saturday**
Numerous driver changes were necessary due to the late draw yesterday.

04/02/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/03/08 (1) **Qualifiers**
Twenty three (23) horses competed in four (4) qualifiers. Fifteen (15) made the grade.

04/03/08 (2) **Eleventh Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
#2 “Beach Beach Beach” (Steve Wiseman) went off stride near the 1/4 pole causing interference to four trailing horses. #2 went on to finish third (3rd) and was disqualified and placed eighth (8th) behind the affected horses.

04/03/08 (3) **Program Changes**
1st Race Declaration - #5 “Cherry Tree Kate” – Trainer M. Ruiz
Refund: \$32 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
12th Race Declaration - #4 “Frolov” – Trainer J. Waltenburgh
Refund: \$2 Sick – Dr. Goodbary

04/03/08 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	265
Live Handle (On Track)	\$32,149
Handle (In State)	\$397,647
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$261,669</u>
Total Handle	\$691,465

Friday

04/04/08 (1) **Driver In**
Driver Jason Ricco was in and reviewed a couple of drives from last night. Ricco hasn’t driven much and was given some advice as to where to better place his horses during the race.

04/04/08 (2) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
#6 “Pray For Victory” (David Cutler) went off stride for the majority of the mile, ending up sixth (6th). #6 was disqualified and placed seventh (7th) for the violation.

04/04/08 (3) **Program Changes**
None

04/04/08 (4)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	416
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$65,400
	Handle (In State)	\$572,730
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$321,191</u>
	Total Handle	\$959,321

Saturday04/05/08 (1) **Bertrand Ruling – Ref 03-28-08 (1)****Ruling # 18**

Trainer/Driver/Owner Richard Bertrand is hereby Suspended for One Hundred Eighty (180) Days for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489(A,G)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – Moral Turpitude – Intemperate Act Exposing Others to Danger) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). One Hundred Fifty (150) Days shall be Stayed pending any further violation of similar rules. The suspension shall commence on April 14th, 2008 and continue through and including May 13th, 2008.

Further, Richard Bertrand is placed on Probation for the term of his licenses.

During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of Richard Bertrand are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) Richard Bertrand is hereby denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Bertrand was arrested on domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon after he threw a chair at Pamela Sinclair, his then girlfriend, striking her in the head. Bertrand's violent behavior is detrimental to horse racing. Bertrand was taken to jail and subsequently convicted of a misdemeanor charge of assault with a deadly weapon, the chair. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, three years probation, 12 anger management sessions and a fine of \$100. In addition, there is a domestic violence protective order against Bertrand protecting Pamela Sinclair from him until January 22, 2011. Bertrand has completed both his 30 days of sheriff work program and anger management.

04/05/08 (2) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

#2 “AZ Mutanto”, driven by David Siegel, was observed racing inside the pylons in the stretch drive. After review, it was determined that Driver Siegel was attempting to pass #8 “Rojo Means Go” (Susan Boyce) on the inside where room did not exist. Siegel opted to race inside the pylon line to pass #8 and succeeded, ending up first (1st) in the race. It is against the rules to leave the course in order to pass a competitor. #2 was disqualified and placed last (10th) for the violation. Driver Siegel was ordered to appear before the stewards.

- 04/05/08 (3) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 #4 “Mighty Fella” (5th), driven by Jason Ricco, was observed causing possible interference to #8 “Mac Jonathan VP” (8th) and Driver Lou Pena in the stretch. After review it was determined that #4 did in fact come out and hit the front legs of #8 with the sulky, causing #8 to go off stride and lose any chance at a better placing. #4 was disqualified and placed eighth (8th) for the interference. Driver Ricco was ordered to appear before the stewards.
- 04/05/08 (4) **Thirteenth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 #2 “Hoosier Punk” (Steve Wiseman) went off stride in the stretch and through the finish, ending up sixth (6th). #2 failed to lose ground to seventh (7th) place finisher #6 “Tillie Vic” and was placed seventh (7th) behind that rival.
- 04/05/08 (5) **Program Changes**
 6th Race Declaration - #8 “Sadies Desert Fox” – Trainer Tom Wine II
 Refund: \$13 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
 10th Race Declaration - #6 “Maxalax” – Trainer George Reider
 Refund: \$48 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
 12th Race Declaration - #5 “Lucky Tobe Alive” – Trainer Ed Hensley
 Refund:\$1 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
- 04/05/08 (6) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 520 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$60,601 |
| Handle (In State) | \$586,646 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$352,574</u> |
| Total Handle | \$999,821 |

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Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	1	1	2	9
Disqualification's	K	K	K	1	0	3	4	13
Inquiries	D	D	D	1	0	3	4	17
Refunds	A	A	A	2	0	3	5	40
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	0	1	1	18

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

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward