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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION**  
**Hollywood Park**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

- Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
- Honorable Richard B. Shapiro, Chairman
- Honorable John C Harris, Vice Chairman
- Honorable John Andreini, Member
- Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
- Honorable Bo Derek, Member
- Honorable David Israel, Member
- Honorable Jerome S. Moss, Member
- Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
- Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

For the period: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 through Sunday, November 23, 2008.

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**MINUTES – FOURTH WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK AUTUMN MEETING**

**TUESDAY**  
11/18/08<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty for entries and scratches on Tuesday morning. The card for Friday was drawn at 11:45 a.m. and the eight races consist of seventy two scheduled participants.

**WEDNESDAY**  
11/19/08<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today's racing will showcase two races for California-Breds. The third event is for maiden \$40,000 claiming two year olds at a distance of five and one half furlongs to be contested with seven runners. The nightcap will feature a field of nine two year old maiden fillies for a tag of \$40,000 at a distance of six furlongs.

11/19/08<sup>2</sup>

**IVORY HEARING – CASE #08HP093**

Trainer John Ivory was in for an informal hearing regarding late arrival at Hollywood Park for pre-race veterinary inspection and lasix treatment. Mr. Ivory said he was confused by the condition book rule which dictates arrival five hours prior to race or two hours before first post. The Stewards decided to issue the trainer a warning in light of his excellent history of compliance as a trainer.

11/19/08<sup>3</sup>

**RAMIREZ HEARING – CASE #08HP073**

Exercise rider Domingo Ramirez waived his right to a formal hearing and represented himself in an informal setting to answer a complaint alleging disrespect to a gateman at Santa Anita Park. In addition to the board of Stewards, the meeting was attended by Senior Special Investigator Frank Fink, presenting the case, and Mr. Ramirez’s spouse, Sara George.

According to Investigator Fink’s report, Mr. Ramirez produced an invalid license when entering the stable area at Santa Anita, used profanity and behaved disrespectfully. The defendant, who is currently on probation for a similar infraction at Los Alamitos, confirmed his actions and apologized for them. He presented documentary evidence of his attendance in anger counseling classes, and a letter from the Los Alamitos Chaplain describing compliance with his probation and improvement in his behavior problems. Ms. George testified on her husbands’ behalf. The Stewards asked that Mr. Ramirez submit to a urine test, a condition of his probation, and the result was negative. All testimony and evidence will be considered in evaluating this case and a decision will be forthcoming.

11/19/08<sup>4</sup>

**SUTHERLAND RULING**

**HRTH #008**

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND is suspended for three (3) racing days (November 26, 27, and 28, 2008), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch while riding “Leedstheway” in the ninth race at Hollywood Park on Sunday, November 16, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) and (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

This ruling was issued to Ms. Sutherland due to her poor effort in maintaining a straight course in the ninth race on Sunday. The rider offered various excuses including the greenness of her two year old mount; however, the Stewards feel that ultimately Ms. Sutherland needs to make an improved effort to prevent drifting by using her inside rein rather than excessive whipping. The jockey agreed and stated she would comply in the future.

11/19/08<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards lit the Inquiry sign following the finish of the first race for a review into two incidents of interference during the stretch run of the six and one half furlong event. First of the pair involved #5 Stormy Racer (1<sup>st</sup> L. Contreras) coming out into #1 Classy Bay (2<sup>nd</sup> V. Espinoza) at the 3/16<sup>th</sup>’s pole, under left handed whipping; and then again inside the 1/16 pole approaching the wire as jockey Espinoza was attempting to draw even with his rival. Both times #5 made significant contact with #1. After a review of tape replays and input from both the patrol judges and riders involved, the Stewards decided in a majority decision (Steward Christiansen dissenting) to disqualify #5 from first to second place for repeated interference in the stretch, costing #1 the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (5) – 1 – 2 – 4 – 3

Official Order of Finish: 1 – (5) -2 – 4 - 3

11/19/08<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 E Bradley (Tr. E. Anderson) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$699.00; Minus Pool \$78.85

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Impregnable (Tr. M. Pender) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey  
#7 Bruin Bench (Tr. C. Dominguez) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$2,041.10; Minus Pool \$367.34

11/19/08<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,351	662,155.40
Satellites	4,661	1,752,436.40
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	384,523.90
Out –of-State	n/a	2,622,955.65
Total	7,012	\$5,422,071.35

**THURSDAY**  
11/20/08<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Two California-Bred races are carded for today's program. The first race with a field of six is for maidens, three years old and upward for a \$40,000 claiming price going six furlongs. The fifth contest on the card is for two year old fillies that are non-winners of two, or optional claiming tag of \$80,000, also at six furlongs.

11/20/08<sup>2</sup>

**LISA LEWIS HEARING – CASE #08HP090**

Trainer Lisa Lewis agreed telephonically to an informal hearing into this case, due to late arrival at Hollywood Park on November 6, 2008 for the 5<sup>th</sup> race. By rule, Ms. Lewis' entry was required to be on the grounds by 9:35 a.m., and the van actually arrived at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the deadline is to ensure sufficient time for the veterinarian inspection and anti-bleeder medication administration. Ms. Lewis admitted she was ultimately responsible, and accepted a warning from the Stewards.

11/20/08<sup>3</sup>

**CRAIG LEWIS HEARING – CASE #08HP091**

Trainer Craig Lewis was issued a warning for the late arrival of his horse "Quindici" for Hollywood Park's 5<sup>th</sup> race on November 6, 2008. Mr. Lewis telephoned the Stewards via conference call with his brother Larry Lewis, who is his attorney. The Lewis' contended the van was late and the trainer was not at fault. The Stewards explained the purpose of the time constraints and the trainer's responsibility to make adequate travel arrangements. Mr. Lewis was unhappy to have an official warning on his record, insisting he was not entirely to blame. The Stewards agreed to disagree with him.

11/20/08<sup>4</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Octavio Vergara was in to review film of Wednesday's third race, in which his mount came out from a horse rather abruptly and made slight contact with the horse to his outside. Mr. Vergara said his horse was getting in, and would not switch leads; after he hit him left handed, he thought the horse over-reacted and went too far out. The Stewards advised the jockey to be more careful in future when taking out behind horses, and to use more finesse. Vergara assented.

Jockey Luis Contreras visited the Stewards to review the disqualification of his mount, who drifted in the stretch of yesterday's first race (ref 11/19/08<sup>5</sup>). Mr. Contreras said his horse did not respond to right handed whipping, and continued to come out when he switched to his left hand. The Stewards issued a warning to the jockey as the horse was

partly to blame. Contreras made a decent effort to correct the drifting as the horse was weaving greenly through the stretch.

11/20/08<sup>5</sup>

**RAMIREZ RULING**

**HRTH #009**

Exercise rider **DOMINGO RAMIREZ** is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* and remains on probation through April 30, 2009 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Verbal Altercation – Violation of Probation) on October 25, 2008. As a condition of continued licensure Mr. Ramirez must show proof of his ongoing attendance in anger management counseling and must abide by the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Any violation of the terms of probation may be grounds for the suspension of Mr. Ramirez’s license privileges.

This ruling was issued as mitigating circumstances in the case were taken into consideration in favor of Mr. Ramirez, including his negative drug test (ref 11/19/08<sup>3</sup>). The exercise rider was warned by the Stewards that any deviation from his prescribed program would be dealt with in a much harsher fashion.

11/20/08<sup>6</sup>

**PAPAPRODROMOU HEARING – CASE #HP0089**

Trainer George Papaprodromou was contacted informally by telephone to be heard regarding a complaint filed by the C.H.R.B. on behalf of Dr. Jill Bailey. The trainer’s entry in the 4<sup>th</sup> race at Hollywood Park on November 6, 2008, was a late arrival for pre-race inspection. Mr. Papaprodromou stated the van was late picking up his horse at Fairplex Park, and he called when he realized he might be late. According to Dr. Bailey’s information, the van driver reported Mr. Papaprodromou in fact, delayed the van. A decision will be forthcoming.

11/20/08<sup>7</sup>

**THURSDAY’S RACING**

Today’s program went smoothly from start to finish.

11/20/08<sup>8</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Form a Posse – Claimed, Tr. C. Dominguez  
 #7 Colorful Dancer – Claimed, Tr. D. Velasquez

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Scorewithcater – Claimed, Tr. D. O’Neill  
 #5 Gifted Student (Tr. J.W. Sadler) Veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey  
 Refund \$276.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Motorboat – Claimed, Tr. J. Hollendorfer

11/20/08<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,985	772,135.30
Satellites	4,921	2,016,783.00
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	452,624.40
Out –of-State	n/a	3,393,600.75
Total	7,906	6,635,143.45

**FRIDAY**

11/21/08<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

There were no California-Bred races scheduled for the final Friday evening card of the meet.

11/21/08<sup>2</sup>

**GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU (ref 11/20/08<sup>6</sup>)**

In the matter of Case #08HP0089, trainer George Papaprodromou was given an official warning regarding this late arrival complaint.

11/21/08<sup>3</sup>

**ADW SETTLEMENT**

Hollywood Park received good news today when an ADW agreement was reached for all of California racing, with the four licensed providers agreeing to a one year deal covering out of state wagering. Drew Couto, President of Thoroughbred Owners of California, said this one year period will give representatives from all sides the opportunity to assess the agreement and make an evaluation going forward. The resolution comes in time for the meet's "Fall Turf Festival", 3 days of premier grass racing held November 28-30.

11/21/08<sup>4</sup>

**DONNA DAVIS – CASE #08HP096**

Trainer Donna Davis waived her right to a formal hearing and instead participated in a telephonic hearing to address this case. Her horse "Falstaff Lane" was a late arrival for the third race at Hollywood Park on November 13, 2008. Ms. Davis stated that traffic was heavier than usual, and was apologetic for her tardiness. She was reminded of her responsibilities and to factor in delays, and was issued a warning by the Stewards.

11/21/08<sup>5</sup>

**EVENING PROGRAM**

The Friday night racing went smoothly, as the weather once again cooperated for an enthusiastic concert crowd.

11/21/08<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Pepper Trail (Tr. C. Sise Jr.) DNF, vanned off  
#7 Bewitching Bartok - Claimed, Tr. J. Mullins

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Four Paws – Claimed, Tr. J. Metz  
#8 Hawaiian Afleet – Claimed, Tr. C. Lewis

4<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Holy Mystery (Tr. J. Van Berg) jockey C. Sutherland replaced A. Delgadillo (sick)

6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Cause – Claimed, Tr. M. Cho

11/21/08<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,722	1,070,871.30
Satellites	6,280	2,039,299.80
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,213,092.60
Out –of-State	n/a	3,029,888.28
Total	13,002	\$7,353,151.98

**SATURDAY**

11/22/08<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

No races for California-Breds are on today's program

11/22/08<sup>2</sup>

**PURSE REDISTRIBUTION - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Board of Stewards held a formal hearing this morning to address Case #08DM0010. The case involves the disqualification and purse redistribution of "Pathbreaking" (trainer Jeff Mullins) for a high TCO<sup>2</sup> reading at Del Mar. At the hearing, in addition to the board of Stewards and Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, was CHRB Investigator Rick Ameiva and court reporter Barbara Weinstein. The record was opened and evidence taken, culminating in the following ruling:

**HRTH #010**

Based upon a report from University of California, Davis Laboratories, an official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that blood sample #TC148172L, obtained from the horse "PATHBREAKING", the third place finisher in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on August 03, 2008, contained a Total Carbon Dioxide level (37.9 millimoles per liter of TCO<sub>2</sub>) in excess of the permitted regulatory level (37.0 millimoles per liter of TCO<sub>2</sub>), it is ordered that "PATHBREAKING" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that the purse money earned in said race be returned by owners Jerry and Marjorie Engelauf (\$4,757.00), trainer Jeff Mullins (\$552.00) and jockey Martin Garcia (\$211.00), to the Paymaster of Purses and be redistributed in accordance with the revised order of finish.

Revised Order of Finish

3<sup>rd</sup> – Hoist the Sail

4<sup>th</sup> – Grafton

5<sup>th</sup> - Samwise

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official), neither the pari-mutuel payout nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

11/22/08<sup>3</sup>

**GALLAGHER RULING – CASE #08HP081**

The following ruling was issued to trainer Patrick Gallagher, who appeared for an informal hearing in the Stewards' office. Mr. Gallagher accepted responsibility for the high level of Flunixin cited in the case. He stated he was out of the country at that the time, and evidently oral banamine paste was administered accidentally. The trainer stated this would not happen again. The minimum fine was levied due to Mr. Gallagher's excellent record.

**HRTH Ruling #011**

Trainer **PATRICK GALLAGHER**, who started the horse "Kayd Kodaun" which finished first in the third race at Hollywood Park Race Track on October 29, 2008, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (C) (2) [Authorized Medication –Flunixin (Class IV) in excess of permitted level] and rule 1843 (A) (D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances).

11/22/08<sup>4</sup>

**RONALD ELLIS – CASE #08HP092**

A formal hearing was conducted at the request of trainer Ellis to address the first time gelding complaint regarding his horse "Rail Trip". Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui was in attendance along with the board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Rick Ameiva (presenting the case), court reporter Barbara Weinstein, and defendant Ron Ellis.

Investigator Amieva stated “Rail Trip” was entered as a colt; it was then learned that on the morning of the race, Mr. Ellis called the Clerk of the Course Lisa Jones to report that he had been gelded. The trainer advised that the owner had castrated the colt on her farm, was in possession of the foal papers, and had registered the horse. He also thought the Identifier was responsible to report the sex when they performed their inspection.

Mr. Ellis felt the race was a non-claiming event, it was the first start for “Rail Trip”, and the public was notified with sufficient notice of the horse’s sex; therefore, no one was in fact harmed. He also believed that due to his excellent record, a warning would be more appropriate than the suggested fine. The Stewards will consider all testimony and documentary evidence and have a decision in the near future.

11/22/08<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the sixth race (six furlongs – turf), the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the final twenty yards before the wire. #4 “D Double You” (T. Baze 2<sup>nd</sup>) drifted out under left handed whipping and closed the path on #6 “Tension Mounts (IRE)” (A. Solis 4<sup>th</sup>), who was attempting to move between #2 and #7 “Tommy’s Luck” (R. Bejarano 3<sup>rd</sup>); causing him to steady and drop back. After a review of the tape replays, the patrol judges’ reports, and a discussion with the riders involved, the Stewards unanimously decided not to make a change to the original order of finish. It was felt this incident did not cost #6 an opportunity at a better placing.

11/22/08<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 Blazing Spirit (Tr. J. Mullins) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$3,135.46

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 D. Double You (Tr. P. Miller) lame past wire, vanned off

11/22/08<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,048	1,418,333.70
Satellites	7,847	3,270,527.80
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,106,008.90
Out –of-State	n/a	4,791,574.65
Total	12,895	\$10,586,445.05

**SUNDAY**

11/23/08<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Sunday racing will not include any California-Bred races.

11/23/08<sup>2</sup>

**TYLER BAZE FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Tyler Baze came in as requested to review an incident that involved a Stewards’ inquiry from yesterday. Baze’s mount #2 D. Double You was drifting inward when struck twice with a left handed whip, causing him to close the space Alex Solis, riding #6 Tension Mounts (IRE), was attempting to go through. The Stewards felt Baze did make an effort to pull off when this happened, and Solis’ mount had reached his maximum placing. No penalty was assessed, but Baze was reminded to keep a straight course.

11/23/08<sup>3</sup>

**ELLIS RULING (ref 11/22/08<sup>4</sup>)**

The following ruling was issued to trainer Ron Ellis after deliberation on all facts pertinent to this issue. Although Mr. Ellis made good points in his defense, the rule states that it is his responsibility to know and report the correct sex of a horse in his care at the time of entry.

**HRTH #012**

Trainer **RONALD ELLIS** is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "Rail Trip", which ran in the third race at Hollywood Park Race Track on November 7, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

11/23/08<sup>4</sup>

**CERIN RULING**

Ruling #013 was published after trainer Vladimir Cerin telephonically waived his right to a formal hearing, and accepted responsibility in this matter. Mr. Cerin stated that a mistake was made in giving medication to the wrong horse, the result of a stable management snafu.

**HRTH #013**

Trainer **VLADIMIR CERIN**, who started the horse "Kewen" in the seventh race at Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park Race Track on October 15, 2008, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (a) (Authorized Medication) and #1843 (a) (d) (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances – medication in excess of permitted levels: Methocarbamol –Class IV).

11/23/08<sup>5</sup>

**SUBSTITUTE VETERINARIAN**

Dr. William Bell will fill in today for Dr. Tim Connor, who took the day off for personal reasons.

11/23/08<sup>6</sup>

**FEATURE RACE**

Today's feature race was the twenty-ninth running of the "Hollywood Prevue Stakes"; grade III, \$100,000 added at seven furlongs. The winner was "Jack o'Lantern" for owners Purple Shamrock Racing and Chandler, trainer Richard Matlow, and jockey Isaias Enriquez.

11/23/08<sup>7</sup>

**ACCIDENT – NINTH RACE**

Just past the finish line in the Sunday nightcap, #7 "Fil's Regent" went wrong in the left foreleg and broke down, unseating jockey Michael Martinez. Mr. Martinez rose to his feet quickly, apparently uninjured; however, it was learned that the horse was euthanized. See attached report.

11/23/08<sup>8</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Colominas (Tr. J. Mullins) lame past wire, vanned off

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Dizzy up the Girl – Claimed, Tr. J. Hollendorfer  
#3 Made for Magic (Tr. F. Lucarelli) veterinarian, lame post parade– Dr. Bailey  
#5 She Floats – Claimed, Tr. M. Mitchell  
Refund \$36,402.15

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Solo Piano (Tr. R. Frankel) veterinarian, sick, - Dr. W. Bell

Refund \$6,905.71

- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Zephaniah (Tr. E. Moger Jr.) C. Potts replaced G. Gomez (injured)  
#7 Fil's Regent (Tr. M. Stute) broke down past wire, vanned off  
#9 Just Heat – Claimed, Tr. J. Sadler

11/23/08<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,354	1,362,240.90
Satellites	7,377	2,902,327.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,151,395.70
Out –of-State	n/a	3,920,704.99
Total	12,731	\$9,336,668.69

**Additions/Removals from Vet List**

Week of: 11-17-08 – 11-23-08

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List: 13  
Horses off Vet List: 10  
Shockwave Therapy: 27  
Deceased: 06  
Medication: 12

**SUMMARY**

	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov22	Nov 23		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1		1	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	0	0	2		6	21
Claims	0	4	4	0	3		11	32
Disqualifications	1	0	0	0	0		1	3
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	0		2	8
Refunds	2	1	0	1	2		6	56
Rulings	1	1	0	2	2		6	13

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy Winick, Steward

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Albert Christiansen, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward