

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 30, 2007 through November 4, 2007.

TUESDAY

10/30/2007

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

George Slender will be the duty Steward this week and record the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES AND ENTRIES**

Scratch time for Thursday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. Entries consisted of one Arabian, two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races for Friday's card.

WEDNESDAY

10/31/2007

(1) **SCRATCHES**

9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed without noteworthy incident.

(2) **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Thirteen Quarter Horse races featuring six Racing Challenge Championship Grades (1) and (2) were drawn for Saturday.

THURSDAY

11/01/2007

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the condition book failed to fill with two entries.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

- 1st Race - # 1 Mojave County (Tr. H. Hernandez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$265.00.
- 5th Race - # 6 Jolly Rimal (Tr. B. Lewis) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$127.00.
- 7th Race - # 7 She Travels (Tr. J. H. Gomez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$88.00.
- 8th Race - # 2 Flying T Lionheart (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$363.00.

(3) SALAZAR RULINGRULING # 239

HAVING SATISFIED A DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, OWNER CEASAR SALAZAR IS HEREBY RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING # 194 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2007 FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR, IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards were informed that subject satisfied his financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine in full.

(4) GONZALEZ AND RAMIREZ RULINGSRULING # 240

GROOM JAVIER GONZALEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED).

RULING # 241

GROOM CESAR RAMIREZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED).

The above rulings were issued after both subjects appeared before the Stewards in response to stable area security violation. The two individuals admitted their guilt for misuse of license.

(5) ALL CLEAR

This evening's racing program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	9,408	On Track Handle:	\$142,491
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,060</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$244,270
Total:	2,904	Out of State:	<u>\$455,572</u>
		Total:	<u>\$842,333</u>

FRIDAY

11/02/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race offered for this date failed to fill.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCH

- 10th Race - # 7 Little Hottie (Tr. J. H. Gomez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$122.00.

(3) WEEKLY MEETING

The Stewards met with Darrel Haire and the Jockey Colony for their weekly meeting. Various topics were discussed and various races were discussed. Contrary to last week's meeting, there was a good turnout.

(4) CRUZ RULINGRULING # 242

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) JOCKEY ALEJANDRO GARCIA, IS SUSPENDED SIXTY DAYS (60) (NOVEMBER 5, 2007, THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2008), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – POSSESSION AND USE OF METHAMPHETAMINES) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SUBJECT ARE SUSPENDED, AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

FURTHERMORE, AS A CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT ALEJANDRO GARCIA SHALL SHOW PROOF OF AN ONGOING RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after subject appeared before the Stewards concerning testing positive for methamphetamines for the second time within a year and a half. His excuse was that he was taking diet pills issued from Mexico.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race when State Veterinarian R. Guillen reported that # 5 "Mini Omega" (Tr. H. Sanchez) was sick. Declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$187.00.

(6) INQUIRY – DOUBLE D.Q.

Following the running of the ninth race (Golden State Million Futurity – Quarter Horse – 400 yards) the Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign to review two separate observed incidents. Involved, at the start, were the sixth place finisher # 5 "Carters Cartel" (jockey J. R. Ramirez), # 6 "Thinking First" (9th – jockey R. Ramirez) and # 7 "Early Morning Bite" (10th – jockey Sam Thompson). The second incident, about one hundred yards before the finish, involved the third place finisher # 3 "Really A First" (jockey Saul Ramirez Jr.), # 2 "My Lady First" (7th – jockey A. Bautista) and # 1 "Stylish Jess BR" (4th – jockey C. Jensen).

After talking with the Patrol Judge, the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to a double disqualification.

In the first incident # 5 broke sharply at the start and eliminated # 6 and # 7, and for this action # 5 was placed behind # 7. The second incident resulted in the disqualification of # 3 when he drifted in bumping and impeding # 2 down and into # 1, causing the latter two an opportunity of better placement.

Original Order of Finish: 10 – 9 – 3 – 1 – 4 – 5 – 2 – 8 – 6 – 7

First Disqualification: 10 – 9 – 3 – 1 – 4 – 2 – 8 – 6 – 7 – 5

Official Order of Finish: 10 – 9 – 1 – 4 – 2 – 3 – 8 – 6 – 7 – 5

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,634	On Track Handle:	\$275,297
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,415</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$581,750
Total:	5,049	Out of State:	<u>\$700,981</u>
		Total:	\$1,558,029

SATURDAY

11/03/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race offered for this date failed to fill.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2nd Race - # 1 Begin Zoomin (Tr. A. Soto) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$284.00
10 One for the Ladies (Tr. E. Andrade) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$767.00

4th Race - # 3 LDS Whatwasi Thinkin (Tr. B. Vickery) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$209.00

5th Race - # 2 Making Friends (Tr. E. Navarro) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$288.00

11th Race - # 1 Pappasito (Tr. P. Jones) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$347.00
6 LP Leading Effort (Tr. D. Montes) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$262.00

12th Race - # 1 Hindsights Great (Tr. O. Carrete) Stewards, Stake.
Refund: \$76.00

(3) ARIAS RULING # 243RULING # 243

JOCKEY JUAN ARIAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007.

The foregoing ruling was issued when jockey Arias appeared before the Stewards and was questioned as to why he failed to fulfill his riding engagement. He stated he got upset with the Jockey Room custodian (Jorge Cruz) and left. He was informed if he has any kind of problem to contact us.

(4) S. RAMIREZ RULING # 244RULING # 244

JOCKEY SAUL RAMIREZ, JR. WHO RODE "REALLY A FIRST" IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 10TH, 11TH, 15TH, AND 16TH, 2007) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SIXTH POSITION. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The above ruling was issued after a review of last night's ninth race in which his mount was disqualified. Subject fell short of convincing the Stewards of his effort in controlling his mount.

(5) J.R. RAMIREZ RULING # 245RULING # 245

JOCKEY J. R. RAMIREZ WHO RODE "CARTERS CARTEL" IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 10TH, 11TH, 15TH, AND 16TH, 2007) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE LEAVING THE STARTING GATE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SIXTH TO TENTH POSITION. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez reviewed last night's ninth race with the Stewards. The Stewards are of the opinion that subject could have made a better effort in correcting his mount.

(6) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the first race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident shortly after the start which involved # 10 "Rares Bye Bye Pie" (3rd – jockey Eddie Garcia), and # 9 "Xqsitly Cut" (6th – jockey R. Guce).

After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 10 from third to sixth position. Replays show # 10 drifts in taking the path of # 9, causing that rival to take up and lose all chance of better placement.

(7) JOCKEY OBJECTIONS – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the twelfth race, jockey G.R. Carter (7th place finisher # 8 "Dashin Rare Form") lodged a claim of foul against the winner # 4 "Czech N Out Ashley" (jockey A. Bautista). Mr. Carter alleged that the winner drifted out and caused interference. After speaking with both riders, and reviewing the tapes it was the Stewards opinion that the tapes failed to substantiate the rider's claim of foul. Therefore no change was appropriate.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	4397	On Track Handle:	\$495,650
Off Track Attendance:	4099	Off Track Handle:	\$804,805
Total:	8496	Out of State:	\$1,075,533
		Total:	\$2,375,988

SUNDAY
11/04/2007(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book failed to fill with four CAL-BREDS.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

5th Race - # 3 Stil Makin Bay (Tr. L. Belser) unsound, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$449.00

6th Race - # 6 Okey Dokey Sam (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$266.00

10th Race - # 3 Rare Golden Plan (Tr. E. Navarro) owner under suspension, Stewards.
Refund: \$85.00

(3) JOCKEYS REVIEW RACES

Jockey Eddie Garcia appeared to review last night's first race with the Stewards in which his mount was disqualified. Although Mr. Garcia made a minimal effort he was cautioned we expect a more concerted one. Also, jockey Sam Thompson was cautioned to have better control of his mount.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race when track veterinarian Tom Hackathorn reported that # 9 "Bella Ballena" (jockey B. Contreras – Tr. H. Nelson) was bleeding from the nostrils. Declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$23,374.00

(5) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race when track veterinarian R. Guillen reported that # 5 "Earl of Dash" (Tr. S. Fiscal) showed signs of Colic and was declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$621.00

(6) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

A refund was ordered in the tenth race when # 8 "Bunnys Form" (Tr. D. Ekins) became fractious in the starting gate and injured himself. Declared on recommendation of track veterinarian T. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$10,392.00

(7) DREYER OUT

Stewards James Dreyer was excused this evening due to illness, resulting in hospitalization. Replaced by Racing Sec. Ron Church.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	718	On Track Handle:	\$230,610
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2906</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$586,354
Total:	3624	Out of State:	<u>\$571,205</u>
		Total:	\$1,388,170

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 4, 2007.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period seventeen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: six for soundness, two for injury and nine for sickness.

Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward George Slender.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 11/01	FRI 11/02	SAT 11/03	SUN 11/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	32
CLAIMS			R	2	11	0	2	15	178
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	1	0	2	72
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	2	0	3	136
REFUNDS		A		4	2	7	6	19	648
RULINGS			Y	3	1	3	0	7	245

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, Albert Christiansen, and James Dreyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

George Slender (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)