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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 25, 2008 through March 30, 2008.

TUESDAY

03/25/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Kim Sawyer was available for the morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with four rider changes.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races were carded for Friday's program consisting of seven Quarter Horse, and three Thoroughbred races.

WEDNESDAY

03/26/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration, one rider adjustment and one equipment change.

(2) THE DRAW

The program for Saturday was drawn at 1:30 p.m. with a combination of five Quarter Horse, five Thoroughbred, and one Arabian race.

THURSDAY
03/27/2008**(1) SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Saturday's card was completed at 9:00 a.m. with one rider change and one weight correction.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Fifth race in the book, for three year olds and upwards claiming price \$4,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill with two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

The draw was conducted at 3:15 p.m. and the card was a combination of six Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and one Arabian race.

(4) HERNANDEZ HEARING - CASE# 08LA0027

Hector J. Hernandez came before the Board of Stewards and waived his right to a formal hearing. Mr. Hernandez stated after communicating with Dr. Guillen it was most probable that the Flunixin paste used did not dissolve as quickly as the powder form of Flunixin which he has used previously. Mr. Hernandez declared he will only use Flunixin paste for emergency circumstances in the future. The following ruling was treated as his third NSAID within a year.

RULING # 103

TRAINER HECTOR HERNANDEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CHECKNIN", IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 12, 2008 IS FINED ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00 PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSERACING BOARD RULE # 1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A) (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844(C) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION -PHENYL BUTAZONE AND FLUNIXIN - CLASS VI).

(5) CRUZ RULING**RULING # 104**

JOCKEY JOEL CRUZ, WHO RODE "LASSEN COUNTY" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (APRIL 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO SEVENTH PLACE. 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 jockey Joel Cruz appeared to review the eighth race (350 yards) March 23, 2008, wherein Mr. Cruz admitted he could have made a better effort controlling his mount and will do so in the future.

(6) HUERTA RULING**RULING # 105**

JOCKEY CARLOS HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Huerta chose not to ride said horse after scratch time for Sunday had come and gone.

(7) JOCKEY TRAINER OBJECTION – FOURTH RACE (QUARTER HORSE – 350 YARDS)

Following the running of the race jockey Norberto Aceves and Justin Clark, trainer of # 3 “Stylish Dreams,” lodged a claim of foul against # 4 “Strawfly Takes You On” (jockey Cesar De Alba) for possible interference leaving the gate. After a review of the films and conversation with the trainer and the jockeys, it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. There was slight contact leaving the gate but not enough to warrant a disqualification.

(8) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Norberto Aceves appeared to review the eighth race (350 yards) on March 23, 2008. Mr. Aceves was cautioned that he needs to be more aggressive in the correction of his mount to maintain a straight course. Mr. Aceves stated he would be more aware in the future.

(11) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 The Rocket - claimed – Tr. K. Craigmyle.

2nd Race - # 1 Streaknika Bullet (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey N. Aceves replaced J.R. Ramirez. (sick)
7 Count Believe It (Tr. J. Nunez) Steward – wrong horse Receiving Barn.
Refund: \$330.00

3rd Race - # 3 Mojitoville (Tr. J. Coleman) vet – sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$318.00

5th Race - # 1 Bridge Too Far - claimed, Tr. S. Carter.

6th Race - # 1 With Devotion - claimed, Tr. J. Hernandez.
2 Pagosa Springs (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey A. Bautista replaced J.R. Ramirez. (sick)

7th Race - # 1 Prieta Lina – Stewards – re enter.
Refund: \$85.00

8th Race - # 1 Jeezers Miracle (Tr. F. Vallejo) vet – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$13,699.00
4 Central Air (Tr. E. Navarro) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$86.00
6 Hawkinson Ace (Tr. J. Bassett) jockey J. Cruz replaced J.R. Ramirez. (sick)

(12) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle:	826	On Track Handle:	\$140,587
Off Track Handle:	<u>2,048</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$283,432
Total:	2,874	Out of State:	<u>\$428,986</u>
		Total:	\$853,014

FRIDAY

03/28/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratch time resulted in one rider correction.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book; Maiden three year old and upward, going 300 yards was called off with zero entries.

(3) NUNEZ RULING

RULING # 106

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – BROUGHT WRONG HORSE TO RECEIVING BARN) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Nunez appeared to explain why the wrong horse was delivered to the receiving barn for the second race on March 27, 2008. Mr. Nunez stated he had hired a catch groom to run the horse and said groom transported the wrong animal, thus necessitating a late declaration.

(4) NELSON HEARING CASE # 08LA0082

Harry Nelson came before the Board of Stewards to answer a financial complaint filed by Dale McMihelk (Feed Vendor) who is owed \$2,636.08, since October 15, 2007. Mr. Nelson agreed to pay the total amount before April 10, 2008. Mr. McMihelk accepted this stipulation.

(5) JANUARY RULING CASE # 08LA0081

RULING # 107

TRAINER ELMER JANUARY IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1482 (EMPLOYMENT OF UNLICENSED PERSON) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. January explained he had checked his groom for verification of a license, but did not scrutinize the expiration date. He accepted the penalty without argument.

(6) CRAIGMYLE RULING CASE # 08LA0080

RULING # 108

TRAINER KEITH CRAIGMYLE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MAD N WILD" IN THE FIFTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2005, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – METHYLPREDNISOLONE – CLASS VI).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Craigmyle waived his right to a formal hearing and then explained that he had no theory as to how this positive occurred. He stated this horse was treated by his veterinarian the same as other horses are in his care.

(7) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 6TH RACE (QUARTER HORSE – 300 YARDS)

The Inquiry sign was posted after the finish of the race to review the start involving # 2 "Charger Fan" (jockey J. Andrade) who reared simultaneous to the start and the opening of the gates. According to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1420 (x) the Stewards declared # 2 a starter.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 2 Star Spool claimed, Trainer J. Nunez.
3 Excauator (Tr. F. B. Edwards) jockey J. Olivera replaced K. John (sick).
- 3rd Race - # 5 Mojave Count - claimed, Trainer H. J. Hernandez.
- 4th Race - # 3 Datebook (Tr. J. Nunez) vet – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$317.00
5 Gasin The Turbo - claimed, Trainer E. January.
8 Prince Snowbound - claimed, Trainer C. Treece.
- 5th Race - # 7 Web Wizard (Tr. J. McElroy) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$80.00
- 7th Race - # 1 Cash Is Flying - claimed, Trainer A. Farias.
5 Rgr Cash Venu - claimed, Trainer P. Jones.

- 9th Race - # 4 Paternalist (Tr. A. Soto) ambulance removed post race.
- 10th Race - # 3 The Royal Trickster (Tr. S. Fiscal) vet – unsound gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$8,940.00
- # 8 Imaginary Meter (Tr. R. Viramontes) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$112.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle:	1,283	On Track Handle:	\$216,609
Off Track Handle:	<u>3,206</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$520,450
Total:	4,489	Out of State:	<u>\$675,337</u>
		Total:	\$1,412,397

SATURDAY

03/29/2008

(1) THE DRAW

Thursday's program was drawn at 1:30 p.m. with a combination of six Quarter Horse, and two Thoroughbred races.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book; maiden three year old and upward claiming price \$10,000, going 300 yards was cancelled after no entries were received.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race - # 7 Speedy Swiss – claimed, Tr. E. January.
- 3rd Race - # 7 Swiss Swiffer - claimed, Tr. J. Aleman.
- 4th Race - # 2 Xiquinquire - claimed, Tr. M. Valenzuela.
- 5th Race - # 5 Gomerrygoroundgo (Tr. L. Wicker) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$-194.00
- # 6 Casting My Spell - claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.
- 6th Race - # 2 Vision Statement - claimed, Tr. J. Nunez.
4 Shadows Miracle (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) vet – sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$150.00
- 7th Race - # 1 Gwens Check Him Out - claimed, Tr. D. Montes.
2 Mongoosetwentytwent - claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.
3 Willie Dashing (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) vet – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$172.00
- 8th Race - # 6 Queen For A Day (Tr. B. M. Lewis) jockey E. Gomez replaced M. Garcia (personal).
- 9th Race - # 2 Jazz Goer - claimed, - Tr. K. Ryneerson.
- 10th Race - # 7 Eye Am Forever Yours (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) jockey A. Luna replaced S. Mendez (injured).
- 11th Race - # 3 Futurer (Tr. J.R. Romo, Jr.) Steward – no jockey available.
Refund: \$1,180.00
- # 5 In Spite (Tr. C. Treece) vet – unsound gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$18,625.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle: 1,258
 Off Track Handle: 3,257
 Total: 4,315

On Track Handle: \$216,209
 Off Track Handle: \$563,335
 Out of State: \$651,308
 Total: \$1,433,853

SUNDAY
 03/30/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the book; three year olds and upward claiming price \$6,250, going 350 yards was called off with two entries.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Carlos Huerta appeared to review the sixth race (300 yards) on March 26, 2008. Mr. Huerta was reminded that the Stewards need to see a better effort out of the gate controlling his mount. He promised to show a better effort in the future.

(3) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 4TH RACE (QUARTER HORSE - 220 YARDS)

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was lit to further review a possible infraction occurring soon after the start. Involved were # 5 “Barry Snow Merri” (2nd – jockey Rodrigo Aceves), # 3 “Mongoose Shake Em” (6th – jockey Gary Boag) and # 4 “Azure Down There” (5th – jockey Alejandro Luna). After a review of the films and conversation with the Patrol Judge and all jockeys involved it was a unanimous decision to disqualify # 5 and place him behind # 3 for lugging in, bumping and impeding both # 3 and # 4.

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

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

(4) DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS, AND CHANGES

1st Race - # 2 Our Friend Thurman - claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.
 # 6 Smoke Till Dawn (Tr. D. Fama) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
 Refund: \$800.00

2nd Race - # 3 Shirley SBL (Tr. C. Treece) jockey R. Guce replaced J. Cruz. (sick)
 # 4 Sanger Sally (Tr. D. Frey) Steward – broke thru gate ran off.
 Refund: \$9,702.00

3rd Race - # 3 Rhonda Lee (Tr. H.J. Sanchez) jockey J. Estrella replaced J. Cruz. (sick)

4th Race - # 5 Barry Snow Merri (Tr. H.J. Hernandez) jockey R. Aceves replaced S. Mendez.
 (injured)
 # 6 Dash Decision (Tr. J.J. Romo, Jr.) jockey N. Aceves replaced R. Sanchez. (injured)

6th Race - # 1 Houdinis Zoomin (Tr. J. Clark) Steward – ownership issue.
 Refund: \$183.00

8th Race - # 1 Ima Strawfly (Tr. J. De La Torre) jockey C. Huerta replaced R. Sanchez. (injured)

9th Race - # 8 Fly Mama Fly (Tr. R. Ramirez) vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
 Refund: \$516.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle: 739
 Off Track Handle: 2,535
 Total: 3,274

On Track Handle: \$185,558
 Off Track Handle: \$559,369
 Out of State: \$522,098
 Total: \$1,267,025

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
3/27/2008	3	3	Mojitoville	J. Coleman	Sick	Guillen	\$318
	8	1	Jeezer's Miracle	F. Vallejo	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$13,699
	8	4	Central Air	E. Navarro	Injured	Hackathorn	\$86
3/28/2008	4	3	Datebook	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$317
	5	7	Web Wizard	J. McElroy	Injured	Hackathorn	\$80
	10	3	The Royal Trickster	S. Fiscal	Unsound gate	Hackathorn	\$8,940
	10	8	Imaginary Meter	R. Viramontes	Injured	Hackathorn	\$112
3/29/2008	5	5	Gomerrygoroundo	L. Wicker	Injured	Hackathorn	\$194
	6	4	Shadows Miracle	H.J. Sanchez	Sick	Guillen	\$150
	7	3	Willie Dashing	H.J. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$172
	11	5	In Spite	C. Treece	Unsound gate	Hackathorn	\$18,625
3/30/2008	1	6	Smoke Till Dawn	D. Fama	Injured	Hackathorn	\$800
	9	8	Fly Mama Fly	R. Ramirez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$516

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 30, 2008.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: seven for soundness, eight for injury and four for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 03/27	FRI 03/28	SAT 03/29	SUN 03/30	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	3	6	9	1	19	243
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	1	1	17
INQUIRIES	D			1	1	0	1	3	34
REFUNDS		A		5	4	5	4	18	198
RULINGS			Y	3	3	0	0	6	108

Stewards' Attendance: Kim Sawyer, Martin Hamilton, and George Slender were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)