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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 26, 2008 through August 31, 2008.

TUESDAY
08/26/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

Two equipment changes were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

Two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races were drawn for Friday, completed at 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
08/27/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

One declaration and one rider change made up scratch time for Friday, completed at 9:00 a.m.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

One Arabian, two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races make up the eleven race card for Saturday evening. The draw was completed at 12:50 p.m.

THURSDAY
08/28/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One equipment change and two rider changes were made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Eleven races consisting of two Arabian, three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races were carded for Sunday. The overnight reflects that the "Red Cell California Region Challenge" is slated to be a "non-wagering" event to be run prior to the first wagering race. The draw was completed at 2:45 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$10,000, at a distance of 300 yards was off with no entries received.

(4) ELLEN E. NORRIS RULING (CASE# 96SA0027)

Ms. Norris was afforded an informal hearing to address the above noted complaint filed against her in 1996. Norris failed to appear to address alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and was suspended. Subject stated that she had no knowledge of the action taken against her license as she had moved during that approximate time frame.

Following discussion, the Stewards determined that Ms. Norris had satisfied the terms of what would have been required of her had she appeared for a hearing in 1996 and reinstated her license privileges via the following ruling.

RULING # 215

OWNER ELLEN E. NORRIS, HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING # LATS077 ISSUED AT LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB ON MARCH 9, 1996 FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

(5) JOSE FLORES RULING

Trainer Jose Flores was afforded a telephonic hearing in response to a security violation, citing him for employing an unlicensed groom. Jose stated that he was waiting for an immigration letter to be faxed to California Horse Racing Board licensing staff, however, the faxed letter was dated two weeks prior. The following ruling resulted.

RULING # 216

TRAINER JOSE FLORES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1895 (TRAINER'S DUTY TO INSURE LICENSED PARTICIPATION – EMPLOYING AN UNLICENSED GROOM).

(6) INQUIRY – 4TH RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the fourth race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to evaluate an observed incident at the start of the 300 yard Quarter Horse event.

Films show # 5 “Road To Perdition” (3rd – jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr.) ducked in at the start and bumped # 4 “Weekends Cash” (5th – jockey Baltazar Contreras).

After reviewing the films of the incident and after talking to the riders involved, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings as they opined that the finish was unaffected.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 1 Bustinbowls (Tr. C. Treece) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$142.00.

6 Long Arm Of Da Law (Tr. D. Fama) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$71.00.

4th Race - # 8 The Trickery (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$63.00.

8th Race - # 1 Sweet Leavings (Tr. R. Viramontes) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$13,806.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	837	On Track Handle:	\$165,232
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,854</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$332,797
Total:	2,691	Out of State:	<u>\$420,612</u>
		Total:	\$918,641

FRIDAY
08/29/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

After due consideration, Los Alamitos management realigned Sunday's card to include the "Red Cell California Region Challenge" in the wagering format and was inserted as the fifth race on the evening. All publications were alerted to the change with no adverse consequences anticipated. One weight correction was also made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maidens three years old and upward, going 300 yards, was off with five Cal-Breds entered.

(3) MARTIN VALENZUELA, JR. (CASE# 08LA0170)

Trainer Martin Valenzuela, Jr. was afforded a telephonic hearing to address the above listed complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, DVM when the trainer's two charges "Warren's Payoff" and "Golftiludrop" arrived late to the Receiving Barn prior to the first race on August 17, 2008. Mr. Valenzuela could not explain the reason for their tardiness, however, accepted responsibility and the following ruling.

RULING # 217

TRAINER MARTIN VALENZUELA JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1852 (REPORTING TO THE RECEIVING BARN LATE) AND # 1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER) ON AUGUST 17, 2008 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE.

(4) ABRAHAM GONZALEZ VALADEZ (CASE# 08LA0166)

Exercise rider Abraham Valadez appeared to address the above noted complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1902.5 (Animal Welfare) when he admittedly neglected to care for his pony horse for two consecutive days.

Present at the informal hearing in addition to Mr. Valadez who represented himself, was California Horse Racing Board Licensing Supervisor Laura Sandoval who served as Interpreter and California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Mike Kilpack who presented the case to Stewards James Dreyer, Kim Sawyer and Martin Hamilton.

Mr. Valadez stated that he went to the ranch for two days and assumed that his friend would take care of the horse which turned out not to be the case. Valadez was sternly reprimanded for his disregard and told that the Stewards would reach a decision tomorrow.

(5) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – 3RD RACE - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards illuminated the Inquiry sign immediately following the third race (4½ furlong – Thoroughbred) to determine the cause of # 4 "Last Black Lion" with jockey Eulices Gomez to clip heels and fall at the ½ mile gap.

Films show # 7 "Magdaleno" (7th – jockey Dionicio Navarro) drifted in after the start and crowded # 5 "Mas Hombre" (3rd – jockey Cesar De Alba) down into the path of # 4 causing the latter to clip heels and fall.

For that action # 7 was disqualified from seventh and placed unplaced in a unanimous decision.

Jockey Eulices Gomez was transported to Los Alamitos Medical Center for evaluation of pain in his lower ribs, while "Last Black Lion" regained his feet and galloped off.

(6) INQUIRY – 4TH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident at the start where # 5 "Bono Beat" failed to break with his field and was left lengths behind.

Films show the three year old gelding whipped his head simultaneously to the start and caused his own problem.

After reviewing the tapes of the incident and considering a report from starter John Baker, # 5 was declared a starter pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1420 (x) (Definition – Starter).

(7) ACCIDENT – 9TH RACE

Prior to the start of the ninth race, # 2 "Spirited Away" flipped in the starting gate and unseated jockey Eddie Garcia. Jockey Garcia was later transported to Los Alamitos Medical Center where he reportedly received stitches in his lower leg. Accident report attached.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

8th Race - # 6 Shadows Rattler (Tr. L. Hernandez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$731.00.

9th Race - # 2 Spirited Away (Tr. C. Hall) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$17,838.00.

5 Ab Cartel (Tr. D. McArthur) stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$129.00.

10 Shining First Love (Tr. C. Hall) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$6,838.00.

10th Race - # 4 A Lethal Corona (Tr. J. Gomez) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$7,608.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,197	On Track Handle:	\$244,384
Off Track Attendance:	3,280	Off Track Handle:	\$716,514
Total:	4,477	Out of State:	\$694,543
		Total:	\$1,655,440

SATURDAY
08/30/08

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maiden two year olds, going 300 yards, was called off with only one entry passing the box.

(2) ABRAHAM VALADEZ DECISION (CASE# 08LA0166)RULING # 218

EXERCISE RIDER ABRAHAM GONZALEZ VALADEZ IS SUSPENDED FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2008) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ABRAHAM GONZALEZ VALADEZ 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.

The foregoing ruling was decided upon following deliberation over the testimony heard in yesterday's hearing (refer 8/29/08 (4)).

(3) DIONICIO NAVARRO RULINGRULING # 219

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO, WHO RODE "MAGDALENO" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 6TH, 7TH, 11TH, AND 12TH, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SEVENTH AND PLACED UNPLACED. 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 aforementioned ruling was issued after Dionicio came in, as directed, with his agent and reviewed last evening's third race, where he crowded the rivals to his inside until # 4 with Eulices Gomez hit heels and fell. Dionicio stated that he didn't realize that it was that close down on the inside, however, agreed with the Stewards that he was the only one at that point that could have relieved the pressure.

(4) ALEX BAUTISTA RULINGRULING # 220

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1688 (USE OF WHIPS – WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON AUGUST 29, 2008.

The above listed ruling was issued after Alex came in and confessed to whipping his mount # 3 “Jess Almighty” in the post parade prior to last evening’s eighth race. The horse ultimately finished last.

(5) KOSHT HEARING

The Stewards conducted an informal hearing to address a security violation notice issued to the minor daughter of Parking Lot Attendant Stan Kosht. At issue is the young lady, who holds an owner’s license, has been repeatedly told to stay out of the stable area unescorted. She was observed attempting to gain access through a tack room window after 11:00 P.M.

Present at the proceedings were Los Alamitos Assistant General Manager Mike Monji, Director of Operations Howard Knuchell, Captain of Security Rick Castaneda, Security Sergeant Keith Hicks, and Ms. Kosht’s parent and guardian Stan Kosht.

Mr. Kosht was apprised of the situation some time ago, and was counseled to maintain control or action could be directed toward his license. Los Alamitos has opted to invoke California Horse Racing Board rule # 1989 (Removal or Denial of Access) against Ms. Kosht until her eighteenth birthday and an official warning will be entered in her license history.

(6) HECTOR HERNANDEZ (CASE# 08LA0167)

Trainer Hector Hernandez appeared to address the above noted complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1843 (a&d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and # 1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) when his horse “Life Lesson” tested positive for Trichlormethiazide (class IV) following the third race at Sonoma County Fair on July 26, 2008.

Mr. Hernandez requested an informal hearing as he accepted responsibility for the positive finding. Hector stated that he sent the groom north with the horse and a tube of Naquasone paste. He could only surmise that the horse was treated late. A decision will be forthcoming.

(7) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – 1ST RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the first race in order to evaluate an accident at the 1/8 pole involving # 5 “Long Arm Of Da Law” with jockey Otto Arriaga and # 2 “Bustinbowls” with jockey Gary Boag.

Films show # 5 went wrong in both forelegs and fell throwing jockey Arriaga to the track. Thereafter # 7 “Really Gone West” and jockey Baltazar Contreras veered out sharply to avoid the fallen horse and bumped # 2 causing the latter to stumble and unseat jockey Boag.

Following a thorough film review, the Stewards voted unanimously to let the order of finish stand and the numbers as posted were made official.

Both jockeys, Otto Arriaga and Gary Boag, were cleared by E.M.T.’s and able to fulfill their remaining engagements. Accident reports attached.

(8) INQUIRY – 3RD RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards illuminated the Inquiry sign to determine the cause of # 2 “Secret Fifteen” being left at the post.

Films show # 2 rear simultaneously to the start and unseated jockey Adolfo Rodriguez. Said horse was standing straight, looking down the track when the field was dispatched. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1420 (x) (Definitions – Starter) # 2 was deemed a starter.

Jockey Rodriguez landed on his feet and was uninjured in the mishap.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 6 Cobra Amigo (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$2,014.00.

- 7th Race - # 2 Shoshone (Tr. J. Hanson) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$247.00.
- 11th Race - # 2 Fruitstand Rhythm (Tr. G. Morales) no rider available, Stewards.
Refund: \$10,640.00.
- # 3 IB Illegal (Tr. J. Godinez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$182.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,461	On Track Handle:	\$273,686
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,701</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$634,907
Total:	4,162	Out of State:	<u>\$650,224</u>
		Total:	\$1,558,817

SUNDAY
08/31/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for three year olds, claiming price \$8,000, at a distance of 300 yards failed to fill with two entries.

(2) HECTOR HERNANDEZ DECISION (CASE# 08LA0167)RULING # 221

TRAINER HECTOR JAIME HERNANDEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "LIFE LESSON" IN THE THIRD RACE ON JULY 26, 2008, AT THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)* 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 – TRICHLORMETHIAZIDE – A CLASS IV PROHIBITED DRUG).

The above listed ruling was issued after deliberation over the testimony offered at the hearing (refer 08/30/08 (6)). Also taken into consideration was Mr. Hernandez's extensive medication violation history.

(3) CAIN MESINA (CASE# 08LA0168)RULING# 222

GROOM CAIN MESINA, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 30, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0168, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (G) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CAIN MESINA 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).

The foregoing ruling was issued when subject failed to respond to the above noted complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing board rule # 1489 (g) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License).

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Raul Ramirez and Jesse Chavis were in, as directed, to review the fifth race from Friday and the fourth race from last evening, respectively, where both were cautioned to straighten as quickly as possible after the start.

(5) 10TH RACE - DELAY

As the field was all in line awaiting the start of the tenth race, # 2 "Don Juan Bryan Sa" broke through the doors and the mutual matchings were inadvertently locked. Mutuels were notified immediately. # 2 was injured in the mishap necessitating a late scratch. This required a five minute delay in order to unlock the machines to facilitate the removal of # 2 from the pools.

(6) SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED

With the defection of # 4 "Hollywood Bele" and # 5 "Potent Cider" out of this evening's eleventh race, the field was reduced to four starters necessitating the cancellation of show wagering.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

10th Race - # 2 Don Juan Bryan Sa (Tr. F. Gonzalez) injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$12,427.00.

11th Race - # 4 Hollywood Bele (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$737.00.

5 Potent Cider (Tr. S. Fiscal) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$629.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	983	On Track Handle:	\$199,558
Off Track Attendance:	2,534	Off Track Handle:	\$519,909
Total:	3,517	Out of State:	\$547,174
		Total:	\$1,266,642

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>
8/28/2008	4	8	The Trickery	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$63
	8	1	Sweet Leavings	R. Viramontes	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$13,806
8/29/2008	8	6	Shadows Rattler	L. Hernandez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$731
	9	2	Spirited Away	C. Hall	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$17,838
	9	10	Shining First Love	C. Hall	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$6,838
	10	4	A Lethal Corona	J. Gomez	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,608
8/30/2008	1	6	Cobra Amigo	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$2,014
	7	2	Shoshone	J. Hanson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$247
	11	3	Ib Illegal	J. Godinez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$182
8/31/2008	10	2	Don Juan Bryan Sa	F. Gonzalez	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$12,427
	11	4	Hollywood Bele	H. Sanchez	Sick	Beck	\$737
	11	5	Potent Cider	S. Fiscal	Injured	Hackathorn	\$629

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 31, 2008.

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

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

List as follows: two for soundness, ten for injury and four for sickness.

Five 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 08/28	FRI 08/29	SAT 08/30	SUN 08/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	2	2	0	4	29
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	3	3	3	1	10	565
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	0	1	47
INQUIRIES	D			1	2	2	0	5	89
REFUNDS		A		4	5	4	3	16	517
RULINGS			Y	2	1	3	2	8	222

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

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Kim Sawyer (Steward)