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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 11, 2008 through November 16, 2008.

**TUESDAY**

11/11/2008

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Paul Nicolo will attend to morning office matters and record the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

One rider change was the only change on Thursday's overnight.

(3) **ENTRIES**

Friday's card was drawn and completed by 1:30 p.m. and consists of two Arabian, three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

(4) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race for Cal-Breds failed to draw an entry.

**WEDNESDAY**

11/12/2008

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

One scratch and four rider changes for Friday's card were conducted at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) **ENTRIES**

Saturday's eleven race card will feature one Arabian, two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book for Cal-Breds was called off with two entries.

**THURSDAY**

11/13/2008

**(1) SCRATCHES**

Changes made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time consisted of two scratches, two rider changes, an undeclared entry corrected, and a couple of equipment changes.

**(2) THE DRAW**

Sunday's ten race card was drawn and completed by 1:30 p.m. One Arabian, two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races will be featured.

**(3) CAL-BREDS**

The fifth race in the book for maiden Quarter Horses bred in California failed to fill.

**(4) RIDER CHANGES**

Jockey Eulices Gomez was excused from his mount in the third race following a phone call in which he informed the Stewards his plane had been delayed in Oakland. Manuel Segundo picked up his mount in the third race.

Clerk of Scales Glen Miki called the stand just before the first race to inform us that Eduardo Nicasio who was scheduled to ride the second race had yet to call or report to the Jockey's Room. Santiago Mendez picked up his mount in the second race.

Both issues will be addressed tomorrow.

**(5) CLEAN CARD**

This evening's races were run without any noteworthy incidents.

**(6) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 2 For Carter (Tr. J. Davis) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$427.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 My Nana Lavana (Tr. J. Nunez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$145.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Rare Jess (Tr. F. Quintero) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$63.00.

**(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	758	On Track Handle:	\$136,139
Off Track Attendance:	1,840	Off Track Handle:	\$231,824
Total:	2,598	Out of State:	\$409,268
		Total:	\$777,231

**FRIDAY**

11/14/2008

**(1) SCRATCHES**

Scratches and changes for Sunday were made by phone and consisted of one scratch and four rider changes.

**(2) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Joel Valadez came in as requested to review Sunday's tenth race. In that race, Joel's mount, # 6 "Shae," finished second and was disqualified and placed fifth and last. The films show # 6 duck in sharply at the start causing a chain reaction that virtually eliminated the horse to his inside. In the opinion of the Stewards, Joel's effort to straighten his mount was sufficient. No penalty was warranted.

(3) COMPLAINTS FILED

Groom Jose Acuna and Erik Perez were seeking advice concerning back pay Billy Lewis owed them. They were directed to file a complaint with our investigators.

Mike Joyce who represented himself as a bloodstock agent wanted to know what avenues were open to him in regards to contract issues being broken. He also was sent to investigators.

(4) EULICES GOMEZ AND EDUARDO NICASIO RULINGSRULING # 272

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13,2008, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

RULING # 273

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2008, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The following rulings were issued after neither rider gave an acceptable excuse for missing their scheduled mounts Thursday night.

(5) INQUIRY – FIRST RACE - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted following the running of the first race for an incident that occurred shortly after the start. The tapes show # 8 "Smoking Hemet" (Ramon Guce) come in without sufficient clearance causing # 6 "A Run For Penny" (Gary Boag) to steady and clip heels. In a unanimous decision, # 8 who finished second was disqualified and placed third.

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

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

(6) TOTE ERROR

It was discovered following the eighth race that the video feed displaying the odds had mistakenly shown number six (# 6) as scratched. A full report and investigation is forthcoming.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 5 Moicano (Tr. D. Fama) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$182.00.

# 7 Golftiludrop (Tr. M. Valenzuela) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$620.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 9 Mystifying Miss (Tr. M. Perez) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$514.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Maven Jewels (Tr. R. Ramirez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$323.00.

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 He Needs Checking (Tr. S. Willoughby) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$26,699.00.

# 3 RM Trace A Fame (Tr. H. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$14,890.00.

On Track Attendance: 1,648  
Off Track Attendance: 4,006  
Total: 5,654

On Track Handle: \$217,681  
Off Track Handle: \$647,840  
Out of State: \$733,557  
Total: \$1,599,079

**SATURDAY**  
11/15/2008

(1) ENTRIES

Entries for Thursday were drawn and complete by 1:30 p.m. Thursday's nine race card will feature three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book for maiden two year olds, claiming price \$10,000, will run as the fourth race with nine head.

(3) FILM REVIEW AND RULING

Jockey Ramon Guce came in as requested to go over Friday's first race in which his mount was disqualified from second and placed third. The films clearly show # 8 "Smoking Hemet" come in to the path of # 6 "A Run For Penny," causing that rival to clip heels while being steadied. Ramon accepted his penalty like a professional. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 274

JOCKEY RAMON GUCE WHO RODE "SMOKING HEMET" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>, AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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.

(4) TOTE ISSUE

The enclosed letter is from Scientific Games taking responsibility for Friday's eight race inadvertent scratch.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator Mike Kilpack questioned and took statements from Tote Room personnel at Hollywood Park. We have been informed that this mistake originated at Hollywood Park and that Los Alamitos personnel were not the responsible party. The investigation is ongoing.

(5) SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY - ACCIDENT

A rider being unseated shortly after the start was cause for the Inquiry sign to be posted. The tapes show # 4 "Good Jazz" (Ramon Sanchez) and # 3 "Dreamers Okie" (Santiago Mendez) bump hard at the start, # 4 coming in and # 3 coming out. The ensuing collision caused jockey Sanchez to lose his balance and hit the ground. The contact initiated by # 4 was by far the stronger of the two horses. No further action was warranted, and the race was declared official. An accident report will be attached.

Though cleared by the E.M.T.'s, Ramon's request to be excused from his remaining two mounts was okayed.

(6) TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The fire raging in the hills surrounding the area and the ensuing road closures and gridlock impacted several jockeys and trainers. We received several phone calls from both riders and trainers requesting backups to be put in place. By evening's end, four riders and three trainers were unable to navigate their way here.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Caloro (Tr. J. Aleman) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$528.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Velite Star (Tr. D. Frey) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$1,599.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,122	On Track Handle:	\$160,224
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,952</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$437,862
Total:	4,074	Out of State:	<u>\$687,717</u>
		Total:	\$1,285,804

SUNDAY

11/16/2008

(1) THE DRAW

Entries for Thursday were drawn and completed by 1:30 p.m. The nine race card will feature three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book for Quarter Horse maiden two year olds, running 300 yards for a claiming price of \$10,000, was used open with nine head and will run as the fourth race.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Chris Russell stopped in on his own accord to watch Friday's sixth race. In the Jockey's Room following that race, a few riders chewed him out. After going over the tapes from all angles, we could not find fault with Chris's ride. He explained that he did not think anything was wrong, but when a few of your peers give you Hell, you second-guess yourself. In the race, Chris didn't let one rider through on the fence and made it tight on another, which was okay. This isn't a team sport.

Carlos Bautista was called in for Friday's third race, which he won. In that race, Carlos on # 6 broke fast but came out into # 7's path causing him to steady. The tapes show # 7 did break slow, and Carlos did have his horse's head cocked in. It was explained that just cocking the horse's head does not always excuse the rider if it is ineffective. In this case we did not feel a disqualification or penalty was warranted but told Carlos to be more vigilant in the future.

(4) WARNING ISSUED

Groom Lorenzo Ochoa was given a warning concerning a ticket he received for climbing the fence to the barn area. The security guard who issued the ticket said this was an isolated incident. Lorenzo had a clean record and has never been a problem.

(5) ELIGIBILITY ISSUE

Trainer Sandy Torok came in questioning the eligibility of a horse in this evening's program. The race in question was the fifth. The conditions were for fillies and mares three years old and upward, which have not won two races. The horse in question, # 3 "St Hottiedottie," shows in the program to have won three races.

California Horse Racing Board rule # 1620 was cited, which stated that horses winning races on fair meets in this state will not be penalized for such races when the net purse is less than \$2,750. This was the case with "St Hottiedottie."

(6) SIXTH RACE - INQUIRY

The Inquiry sign was posted following the running of the sixth race for an incident at the start. The films show # 6 "Checkthismemo" (Alex Bautista) duck in sharply after breaking on top. The horse on his inside, # 5 "Mystere" (Santiago Mendez) broke slow but was not cost as much as we thought when watching it live. After talking to the riders involved and a thorough review of the tapes, no action was warranted, and the original order of finish was declared official.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS AND RIDER CHANGES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 1 Griffen Quigley (Tr. L. Hernandez) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 Pizza Pete (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$846.00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Wide Open Throttle (Tr. S. Torok) jockey Jorge Cortes replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Runs Hot (Tr. P. Jones) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$12,860.00.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 No Johny Come Lately (Tr. F. Vallejo) lame, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$3,025.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	917	On Track Handle:	\$193,201
Off Track Attendance:	2,364	Off Track Handle:	\$535,297
Total:	3,281	Out of State:	\$563,928
		Total:	\$1,292,427

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>
11/13/2008	1	2	For Carter	J. Davis	Sick	Beck	\$427
	5	4	My Nana Lavana	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$145
	6	3	Rare Jess	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$63
11/14/2008	2	5	Moicana	D. Fama	Injured	Hackathorn	\$182
	2	7	Golftiludrop	M. Valenzuela	Sick	Beck	\$620
	4	9	Mystifying Miss	M. Perez	Sick	Beck	\$514
	7	2	Maven Jewels	R. Ramirez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$323
	10	1	He Needs Checking	S. Willoughby	Injured	Hackathorn	\$26,699
	10	3	RM Trace A Fame	H. Hernandez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$14,890
11/15/2008	4	8	Caloro	J. Aleman	Sick	Beck	\$528
	5	2	Velite Star	D. Frey	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,599
11/16/2008	3	5	Pizza Pete	C. Treece	Sick	Beck	\$846
	8	1	Runs Hot	P. Jones	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$12,860
	10	3	No Johny Come Lately	F. Vallejo	Lame	Hackathorn	\$3,025

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 16, 2008.

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: four for soundness, five for injury and eight for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Paul Nicolo.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 11/13	FRI 11/14	SAT 11/15	SUN 11/16	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	34
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	4	2	4	2	12	708
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	0	1	54
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	1	1	3	107
REFUNDS		A		3	6	2	3	14	653
RULINGS			Y	0	2	1	0	3	273

Stewards' Attendance: Paul Nicolo, Will Meyers, and James Dreyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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Paul Nicolo (Steward)

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Will Meyers (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)