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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 12, 2009 through January 18, 2009.

MONDAY

01/12/2009

(1) DARK DAY – MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for fallen jockey Sam Thompson was attended by 400 or so friends and family. It was a very fitting tribute to a well-liked and loved individual. Sam will truly be missed by all here at Los Alamitos.

TUESDAY

01/13/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Will Meyers will be in charge of morning office matters and shall author the week's minutes.

(2) SCRATCHES

Two scratches were submitted for Thursday's card.

(3) THE DRAW

A total of ten races are scheduled for Friday with three Thoroughbred, one Arabian and six Quarter Horse races making up the card. Seventy-seven horses were entered. No Cal-Bred races were carded.

WEDNESDAY

01/14/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Three rider changes were made for Friday.

(2) THE DRAW

Saturday's eleven-race card has six Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races scheduled. A total of eighty-five horses were drawn in the above-mentioned events. No Cal-Bred races were used.

THURSDAY

01/15/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

One scratch and two rider changes were made for Saturday's card.

(2) THE DRAW

Sunday's ten-race card has two Thoroughbred, two Arabian and six Quarter Horse races on tap. Seventy-four total horses are entered. No Cal-Bred races were used.

(3) FIDENCIO JIMENEZ RULINGRULING # 6

TRAINER FIDENCIO JIMENEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Jimenez appeared and accepted responsibility for failing to contact his veterinarian to give the lasix shot. The mix-up resulted in a late declaration.

(4) BARNES HEARING (CASE# 08LA0232)

Trainer Jim Barnes was charged with a Flunixin overage on his horse "Turnagain Taylor" who ran second in the third race on November 13, 2008. A hearing was convened with the Stewards, Senior Investigator Tom Blake and respondent Jim Barnes present. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Barnes did not dispute the overage, but rather argued for a lesser penalty than the minimum which our guidelines call for under California Horse Racing Board rule # 1844. The hearing was concluded, and the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 7

TRAINER JAMES BARNES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "TURNAGAIN TAYLOR" IN THE THIRD RACE ON NOVEMBER 13, 2008, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE 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 RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – FLUNIXIN (65NG/ML) CLASS VI).

(5) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start of # 8 "Tribal Swinger" (Chris Russell) who was left at the gate. After review, it was determined that the gate opened properly and "Tribal Swinger" reared causing her own problems. No change was ordered as "Tribal Swinger" was deemed a starter.

(6) PROGRAM CHANGES

Jockey Guillermo Gutierrez was suffering from a sore shoulder and was replaced as follows:

- 1st Race – Chris Russell
- 2nd Race – Santiago Mendez
- 6th Race – Santiago Mendez

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 3 La Furia (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$478.00.

4th Race - # 3 Boy Secrets (Tr. J. Hanson) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$900.00.

4 Okey Dokey Deb (Tr. D. Urista) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$298.00.

5th Race - # 4 Jess Fabulous (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$472.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	730	On Track Handle:	\$108,338
Off Track Attendance:	1,876	Off Track Handle:	\$177,865
Total:	2,606	Out of State:	\$408,423
		Total:	\$694,626

FRIDAY

01/16/2009

(1) PAUL SCHIEWE COMPLAINT (CASE# 09LA0001)

A hearing was held for trainer Paul Schiewe whose horse, "Skimmintherail," was reported to have a post race test Phenylbutazone reading of 11.37 ug/mL on December 19, 2008. "Skimmintherail" finished first in the first race that night.

Schiewe was at a loss to explain the high reading. His only guess was that his grooms mixed up feed tubs and that the horse got double medicated. Schiewe was not happy when informed of the severity of the penalty but accepted our decision. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 8

TRAINER PAUL SCHIEWE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SKIMMINTHERAIL" IN THE FIRST RACE ON DECEMBER 19, 2008, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* 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) AND # 1844 (c-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL - 11.37 UG/ML - CLASS VI).

(2) LISSETTE HERNANDEZ RULING

RULING # 9

TRAINER LISSETTE HERNANDEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - ILLEGAL PARKING) ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009.

The above ruling was issued for a routine parking violation.

(3) RAMON SANCHEZ RULING

RULING # 10

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - ILLEGAL PARKING) ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009.

The above ruling was issued for a routine parking violation.

(4) FOURTH RACE - INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident involving # 2 "Frankly Too" (Cesar De Alba) and # 3 "A Noted Effort" (Juan Andrade) about two hundred yards into this 350-yard Quarter Horse event. # 2 finishes first while # 3 ends up eighth.

After review and talking to the riders, the Stewards in an unanimous decision voted to disqualify # 2 from first to eighth for interference to # 3. # 2 comes out causing the rider of # 3 to check sharply. # 3 was running third at the time and ended up eighth. If allowed to persevere, it was likely # 3 would have hit the board.

(5)LATE DECLARATIONS1st Race -# 6 Smoking Hemet (Tr. J. Davis III) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$354.00(6)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,093
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,055</u>
Total:	4,148

On Track Handle:	\$149,852
Off Track Handle:	\$312,590
Out of State:	<u>\$642,594</u>
Total:	\$1,105,036

SATURDAY

01/17/2009

(1)TRAINER'S TEST

Owner Rodrigo Figueroa took and failed the written portion of the trainer's test this morning.

(2)ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Sixty-two horses are scheduled to compete in eight races for Thursday. No Cal-Bred races were used.

(3)DEALBA RULING (REFER 01/16/09 (4))RULING # 11

JOCKEY CESAR DE ALBA WHO RODE "FRANKLY TOO" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO EIGHTH 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 DeAlba met with the Stewards and reviewed the film from last night's fourth race. Cesar accepted the penalty after agreeing he should have taken hold instead of whipping his horse at a critical juncture.

(4)JOCKEYS OFF

Jockey Baltazar Contreras hurt his arm in the second race and was replaced in the fourth by Dihigi Gladney and the sixth by Ramon Guce.
Jockey Ramon Sanchez called in sick and was replaced by Jeff Jerman in the fifth race and Alex Bautista in the tenth race.

(5)PROGRAM CHANGES

No changes.

(6)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,379
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,001</u>
Total:	4,380

On Track Handle:	\$172,611
Off Track Handle:	\$353,242
Out of State:	<u>\$710,248</u>
Total:	\$1,236,101

SUNDAY

01/18/2009

(1)FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Emily Mode, Francisco Rubio, Baltazar Contreras, Alex Bautista and Carlos Bautista were in during the week to review films.

(2)FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry to review an incident going into the ¼ turn where several riders checked their mounts sharply.

After review and talking to the riders involved, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, voted to disqualify # 7 “Spectacular Zell” (Otto Arriaga) from third to seventh place.

Tapes clearly show # 7 on the outside of a four-horse spread with # 6 “LZP Helsdancer” (Roxanne Losey), # 5 “One Lina” (Manuel Segundo) and # 2 “Stylin” (Ramon Guce) to the inside. # 7 drops in at the turn, causing # 6, # 5, and # 2 to check their mounts sharply with # 2 getting the worst of it and almost clip heels.

(3)PROGRAM CHANGES

- 2nd Race - Jockey Carlos Bautista replaced jockey Alejandro Luna (sick).
 4th Race - Jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Eddie Garcia (sick).
 6th Race - # 1 Tibu (Tr. C. Bloomquist) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
 Refund: \$7,060.00.
 7th Race - Jockey Martin Lomeli replaced jockey Otto Arriaga (injured).
 10th Race - # 4 IB Quick N Smooth (Tr. E. January) no rider, Stewards.
 Refund: \$564.00.

(4)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	781	On Track Handle:	\$113,100
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,332</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$294,757
Total:	3,113	Out of State:	<u>\$645,731</u>
		Total:	\$1,053,588

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
01/15/2009	2	3	La Furia	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$478
	4	3	Boy Secrets	J. Hanson	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$900
	4	4	Okey Dokey Deb	D. Urista	Sick	Hackathorn	\$298
	5	4	Jess Fabulous	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$472
01/16/2009	1	6	Smoking Hemet	J. Davis III	Sick	Hackathorn	\$354
01/18/2009	6	1	Tibu	C. Bloomquist	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,060

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 18, 2009.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: one for soundness, three for injury and four for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Will Meyers.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 01/15	FRI 01/16	SAT 01/17	SUN 01/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	4	0	3	12	32
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	1	2	3
INQUIRIES	D			1	1	0	1	3	5
REFUNDS		A		4	1	0	2	7	34
RULINGS			Y	2	3	1	0	6	11

Stewards' Attendance: Will Meyers, Martin Hamilton, and Albert Christiansen were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Will Meyers (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)