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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 3, 2009 through February 8, 2009.

TUESDAY
02/03/2009

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
Will Meyers is the duty Steward this week and shall author the week's minutes.
- (2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY
One jockey change was recorded at scratch time for Thursday.
- (3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY
Friday's ten-race card has eighty-two (82) horses entered.
- (4) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR FRIDAY
No Cal-Bred races were used.

WEDNESDAY
02/04/2009

- (1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY
One jockey change was made at scratch time.
- (2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY
Saturday's eleven-race card filled with a total of ninety-three (93) entries. Six trials for the "Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes" at 350 yards will be run Saturday.
- (3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SATURDAY
No Cal-Bred races were used.

THURSDAY
02/05/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

Two jockey changes were taken at Saturday's 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Sunday's ten-race card filled late with seventy-five (75) horses entered.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SUNDAY

No Cal-Bred races were used.

(4) LOPEZ RULINGRULING # 22

EXERCISE RIDER GREGORIO G. LOPEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

The above ruling was issued for a routine parking violation.

(5) BREEDER/ TRAINER IN (REFER 01/31/09 (4))

The connections of "A Mere Chocolate" who was disqualified in Saturday's tenth race (Championship Trials) appeared to review the films. Trainer Jesus Nunez and breeder Jose Luis Gonzalez were both disappointed at the decision to disqualify their horse from first to eighth. The placement eliminated "A Mere Chocolate" from the finals.

The Stewards spent well over an hour explaining the reasoning behind the disqualification. Although neither appeared convinced, they left thanking us for taking time out for the review.

(6) ANDRADE RULINGRULING # 23

JOCKEY JUAN P. ANDRADE WHO RODE "A MERE CHOCOLATE" IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 12TH, 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER 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 Juan reviewed the tapes of Saturday's tenth race. Andrade let his horse drift in, causing interference to two rivals. Andrade accepted the days without argument.

(7) SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the seventh race concerning # 2 "Ritas Fair" (Cody Jensen). After review, it was determined that # 2 reared just as the starter dispatched the field. The gate opened properly, and # 2 was deemed a starter.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 3 FT Special Cartel (Tr. J. Flores) colic gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$12,329.00.

3rd Race - # 3 Heads Up Good Luck (Tr. D. Fama) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$814.00.

8 For Contrast (Tr. J. Barnes) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$584.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	627	On Track Handle:	\$88,733
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,958</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$196,456
Total:	<u>2,585</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$482,983</u>
		Total:	\$768,172

FRIDAY
02/06/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

Three rider changes were recorded for Sunday's program.

(2) DR. CARLOS CERVANTES HEARING (CASE# 09LA0014)

A hearing was held concerning the possible misadministration of lasix to the horse "Stocking Zell" who was not a registered bleeder.

State Veterinarian Gary Beck, Dr. Cervantes, Investigator Tom Blake and the Stewards were present at the hearing.

During testimony, it was determined that "Stocking Zell" (trained by Candy Coffee) did not get lasix as stated in the complaint. What had actually happened was Dr. Cervantes messed up his paperwork, which led Dr. Beck to believe the horse was mistakenly treated.

Dr. Cervantes apologized for the paperwork mix-up and accepted responsibility for the confusion. Decision as follows:

RULING # 24

VETERINARIAN CARLOS CERVANTES, D.V.M. IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1841 (VETERINARIANS UNDER SUPERVISION OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN) AND # 1845 (E) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION) FOR VIOLATION OF RULE # 1842 (VETERINARIAN REPORT - LASIX SLIP) ON JANUARY 18, 2009.

(3) CANDICE COFFEE HEARING (CASE# 09LA0015 – REFER 02/06/09 (2))

Trainer Candice Coffee was charged with failure to properly register "Stocking Zell" as a bleeder on January 18, 2009. As explained in the above case against Dr. Cervantes, everything stemmed from Cervantes' paperwork mix-up.

"Stocking Zell" raced properly with no lasix and Coffee was held blameless.

(4) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in this 300 yard Quarter Horse race to review possible interference between sixth place finisher # 4 "Done Deal Darlin" (Francisco Rubio), # 3 "RGR Premier Sapphire" (Rodrigo Aceves) and # 1 "Honors And Miracles" (Ramon Sanchez).

After review and talking with the riders, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify # 4 from sixth to ninth place for interference. Tapes clearly show # 4 continuously coming in, bumping # 3 who in turn bumps # 1, costing both # 3 and # 1 any chance at a better placing.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race - Jockey Joy Scott replaced jockey Emily Mode (sick).

4th Race - # 2 Oh Stolo Mio (Tr. C. Treece) enter back, Stewards.
\$495.00.

7th Race - # 3 Vegas Runaway (Tr. C. O'Dell) jockey claimed that the horse was unsound at gate, Stewards.
Refund: \$9,381.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	801	On Track Handle:	\$146,862
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,117</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$344,963
Total:	<u>3,918</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$734,324</u>
		Total:	\$1,226,149

SATURDAY
02/07/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Sixty-two (62) horses are programmed to race in Thursday's eight-race card. No Cal-Bred races were used.

(2) JOCKEY IN

Jockey Francisco Rubio was in to review his ride aboard "Done Deal Darlin" who was disqualified for interference in last night's fourth race. "Done Deal Darlin" lugged in badly from the start, interfering with two other rivals. Rubio did an excellent job of grabbing his mount in an attempt to straighten her out. The Stewards felt the blame lay with the lightly raced young filly, and Rubio was held blameless.

(3) INCLEMENT WEATHER – GOOD RACING

Tonight's racing was conducted on a "wet fast" rack track without any problems.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race - # 8 Folio (Tr. E. Freeman) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$544.00.

2nd Race - Jockey Manuel Segundo replaced jockey Mario Oliverez (sick).

4th Race - # 1 Strawflyin Luci (Tr. F. Gonzalez) identification, Stewards.
Refund: \$125.00.

Jockey Baltazar Contreras replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).

5th Race - # 1 Travel Alert (Tr. S. Willoughby) identification, Stewards.
Refund: \$562.00.

7th Race - Jockey Sergio Mendez replaced jockey J. R. Ramirez (late).

8th Race - Jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey J. R. Ramirez (late).

11th Race - # 9 Dash With Hawkish (Tr. M. Loza) lame in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$5,351.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,205	On Track Handle:	\$171,507
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,102</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$372,990
Total:	<u>4,307</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$806,080</u>
		Total:	\$1,350,577

SUNDAY
02/08/2009

(1) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident in deep stretch concerning # 6 "Serious Angle" (Otto Arriaga - 2nd) and # 5 "Sterling Cross" (Chris Russell – 4th). After review and talking to the riders, it was determined that # 6 came into the path of # 5, causing jockey Russell to check sharply, costing # 5 any chance at a better placing. # 6 was disqualified and placed fourth for the interference.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

- 1st Race - Jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).
6 Houdinis Zoomin (Tr. J. A. Flores) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$902.00.
- 2nd Race - Jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).
- 3rd Race - Jockey Dionicio Navarro replaced jockey Baltazar Contreras (sick).
- 5th Race - # 2 Wickdanwakys Shapiro (Tr. J. Davis) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$134.00.
- 7th Race - Jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Dihigi Gladney (sick).
- 8th Race - # 2 Exit Strategy (Tr. D. Ekins) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$4,458.00.
- 10th Race - # 5 Chicks Crashin (Tr. E. January) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$638.00.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	732	On Track Handle:	\$134,324
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,475</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$336,061
Total:	3,207	Out of State:	<u>\$751,771</u>
		Total:	\$1,222,156

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>
02/05/2009	2	3	FT Special Cartel	J. Flores	Colic gate	Hackathorn	\$12,329
	3	3	Heads Up Good Luck	D. Fama	Injured	Hackathorn	\$814
	3	8	For Contrast	J. Barnes	Sick	Hackathorn	\$584
	8	9	El Chino Davalos	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$601
02/06/2009	8	6	Pappyscoronalibro	L. Hernandez	Sick	Beck	\$541
02/07/2009	1	8	Folio	E. Freeman	Sick	Hackathorn	\$544
	11	9	Dash With Hawkish	M. Loza	Lame in gate	Hackathorn	\$5,351
02/08/2009	1	6	Houdinis Zoomin	J. A. Flores	Injured	Hackathorn	\$902
	5	2	Wickanwakys Shapiro	J. Davis	Sick	Hackathorn	\$134
	8	2	Exit Strategy	D. Ekins	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$4,458
	10	5	Chicks Crashin	E. January	Injured	Beck	\$638

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 8, 2009.

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: five for soundness, seven for injury and five for sickness.

Seventeen 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 02/05	FRI 02/06	SAT 02/07	SUN 02/08	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	3	3	0	5	11	67
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	1	2	8
INQUIRIES	D			1	1	0	1	3	14
REFUNDS		A		4	3	4	4	15	70
RULINGS			Y	2	1	0	0	3	24

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)