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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 10, 2009 through March 15, 2009.

TUESDAY
03/10/2009

(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 one rider change and one equipment adjustment.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races carded for Friday's program were a mixture of eight Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred and one Arabian race. The races were drawn at 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
03/11/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration and two rider changes.

(2) THE DRAW

The card for Saturday was compiled at 4:30 p.m. with a combination of five Quarter Horse and five Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY
03/12/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Saturday's program were conducted at 9:00 a.m. The results included one equipment, one medication, and one weight correction.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

First race in the book; fillies and mares three years old and upward, claiming price \$2,500, going 350 yards was called off with two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

The draw for Sunday was conducted at 6:00 p.m. and the card was a combination of four Quarter Horse, four Thoroughbred and one Arabian race.

(4) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the start of the first race, the Inquiry sign was posted to review the start, wherein # 7 “Brite Secret” stumbled and unseated jockey Gerardo Martin. The Stewards unanimously agreed no other horse was involved in the incident, and the race was made official. Accident report attached.

(5) SIXTH RACE – ACCIDENT

Approaching the 5/16 pole, # 4 “New Doc Lady” (Tr. T. Bazley) went wrong, falling, and unseating jockey Otto Arriaga. Accident report attached.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 Rhinestone Cat (Tr. F. Gonzalez) jockey Dee Dee Williams replaced jockey Cheryl Charlton (injured).

2nd Race - # 6 Enregalo (Tr. D. Montes) jockey Dihigi Gladney replaced jockey Cesar De Alba (injured).

3rd Race - # 2 Buster With A K (Tr. S. Mitchell) claimed by Tr. S. Martinez.

3 Outlaw Yodeler (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. D. Urista.

7 Tricky Feat (Tr. A. Soto) Stewards, re-enter.
Refund: \$264.00.

9 Estrellon (Tr. J. Cortez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$199.00.

4th Race - # 6 Fish On The Move (Tr. H. Hernandez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$782.00.

5th Race - # 2 Lupe Franco (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) claimed by Tr. L. Hernandez.

6th Race - No show wagering – per Executive Director Kirk E. Breed.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	683	On Track Handle:	\$104,280
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,634</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$152,815
Total:	2,317	Out of State:	<u>\$475,036</u>
		Total:	\$732,131

FRIDAY

03/13/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday scratch time (9:00 a.m.) resulted with eight jockey corrections and one weight adjustment.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Fifth race in the book, for three year old maidens going 300 yards filled with eight entries after being opened to non-Cal Breds.

(3) FLORES HEARING (CASE# 09LA0025)

A hearing was held to address a complaint filed against trainer Jose Flores for a medication violation involving California Horse Racing Board rules # 1843 (a & d), # 1844 (c) (1) and # 1887 (a). Present were Stewards Randy Winick, Martin Hamilton, and Kim Sawyer, trainer Jose Flores, and Senior Special Investigator Tom Blake.

Upon Mr. Flores' request to proceed without formalities, all testimony was heard and a decision will be distributed in the near future.

(4)SMOOTH SAILING

Friday evening's program was performed without a ripple.

(5)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 2 Check Out Chick (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) Stewards, re-enter.
Refund: \$1,174.00.
- # 4 Caught Him Zoomin (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) claimed by Tr. H. Sanchez.
- # 7 Singita (Tr. P. Jones) claimed by Tr. L. Hernandez.
- 3rd Race - # 3 Jachonic (Tr. D. Ward) jockey Joy Scott replaced Cheryl Charlton (injured).
5 Stormy Native (Tr. J. Davis, III) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$231.00.
- # 7 Graceful Dude (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle.
- 6th Race - # 4 Tell Fish Tales (Tr. E. Navarro) claimed by Tr. L. Hernandez.
- 7th Race - # 2 Jess You And Me (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$93.00.
- 9th Race - # 4 Knight Tori (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$153.00.
- 10th Race - # 2 Stoli On Silk (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. J. Flores.

(6)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,240	On Track Handle:	\$151,289
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,636</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$298,188
Total:	3,876	Out of State:	<u>\$657,836</u>
		Total:	\$1,107,313

SATURDAY
03/14/2009

(1)THE DRAW

Thursday's program was drawn at 2:45 p.m. with a blend of four Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred, and one Arabian race.

(2)CAL-BRED REPORT

The eighth race in the book: "Ivan Ashment Handicap" for mares four years old and upward going 400 yards failed to fill with four entries.

(3)VALENZUELA HEARING (CASE# 09LA0026)

An informal hearing was conducted to address an alleged financial complaint. In attendance with the Stewards were trainer Martin Valenzuela, Jr. and groom Luis Ceron. Both parties were given an opportunity to testify and to bargain a remedy to satisfy Mr. Ceron. After much dialogue, a financial agreement was signed.

(4)NUNEZ HEARING (CASE# 09LA0016)

Trainer Jesus Nunez appeared before the Stewards and agreed to an informal hearing for a medication violation involving California Horse Racing Board rules # 1843 (a & d) and # 1887 (a).

After hearing Mr. Nunez's testimony, he was informed that the Board would deliberate and follow with a decision shortly.

(5)HARRIS HEARING (CASE# 09LA0038)

Mr. Harris was afforded an informal hearing to adjudicate a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rules # 1845 and # 1894. Mr. Harris did admit to a hiccup in his responsibility to file the

proper bleeder registration. He explained that his other six starters this year had raced on lasix their first start in California without notification that he was in violation of any rules. It was the Stewards' opinion that an official warning was the proper penalty to ensue.

(6)FLORES RULING (REFER 03/13/09 (3))

RULING # 36

TRAINER JOSE FLORES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "ANOTHER PEGGY" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 5, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844 (C) (1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5.61 UG/ML)).

The ruling was issued with the amount of penalty based upon aggravating circumstances, even though it is Mr. Flores' first NSAID in the last year; his tarnished medication history was taken into consideration. Mr. Flores stated he medicates all his horses with the same procedure. He was advised that in the future he might make adjustments to his program.

(7)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 1 BF Eyeinthesky (Tr. J. Flores) claimed by Tr. D. Givens
6 Hawk The Farm (Tr. H. Sanchez) jockey Santiago Mendez replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio (injured).
7 Cash Only SBL (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. A. Aquino.
- 2nd Race - # 4 Con Corazon (Tr. S. Martinez) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.
- 6th Race - # 4 Tinkerbellsings (Tr. R. Bean) claimed by Tr. J. McElroy.
- 8th Race - # 3 Why Knot Us (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.
- 10th Race - # 1 Sheza Eye Catcher (Tr. P. Visscher) claimed by Tr. M. Rodriguez.
2 Shining Zoom (Tr. J. Flores) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

(8)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,770	On Track Handle:	\$167,443
Off Track Attendance:	2,648	Off Track Handle:	\$329,898
Total:	5,418	Out of State:	\$714,066
		Total:	\$1,211,407

SUNDAY
03/15/2009

(1)NUNEZ RULING (REFER 03/14/09 (4))

RULING # 37

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SEE MY ASSETS" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON JANUARY 17, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (57 NG/ML)).

The above ruling was released after deliberating the facts related to Mr. Nunez's medication overage. The horse in question had been given Flunixin paste orally, which has been controversial in the past as to the timetable of the detection time. All trainers have been warned of the risk using

paste. Mr. Nunez has had a clean record for the past year, but due to his medication history prior to this infraction, the Board of Stewards felt the penalty issued held validity.

(2) PLEASANT PROGRAM

This evening's card transacted without a reportable episode.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 7 Richer Gear (Tr. E. Navarro) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,552.00.

5th Race - No show wagering – per Executive Director Kirk E. Breed.

6th Race - # 3 Color of Deception (Tr. E. January) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

4 Texas Devil (Tr. E. January) claimed by Tr. E. Anderson.

5 Tippetarius (Tr. C. Treece) claimed Tr. J. Gonzalez.

7th Race - # 1 Double Four (Tr. H. Shelley) veterinarian – unsound in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$5,256.00.

8th Race - # 3 Dashas Toll (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$239.00.

9th Race - # 2 Snow Patrol (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$736.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 769
Off Track Attendance: 2,107
Total: 2,876

On Track Handle: \$108,674
Off Track Handle: \$298,293
Out of State: \$653,408
Total: \$1,060,375

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>
03/12/2009	3	9	Estrellon	J. Cortez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$199
	4	6	Fish On The Move	H. Hernandez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$782
03/13/2009	3	5	Stormy Native	J. Davis, III	Injured	Hackathorn	\$231
	7	2	Jess You And Me	F. Quintero	Injured	Hackathorn	\$93
	9	4	Knight Tori	J. Romo, Jr.	Sick	Hackathorn	\$153
03/15/2009	2	7	Richer Gear	E. Navarro	Injured	Beck	\$1,552
	7	1	Double Four	H. Shelley	Unsound in gate	Hackathorn	\$5,256
	8	3	Dashas Toll	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$239
	9	2	Snow Patrol	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$736

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 15, 2009.

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

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

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

Sixteen 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 03/12	FRI 03/13	SAT 03/14	SUN 03/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			2	0	0	0	2	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	3	5	8	3	19	132
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	12
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	0	1	28
REFUNDS		A		3	4	0	4	11	132
RULINGS			Y	0	0	1	1	2	37

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

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)