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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 17, 2009 through March 22, 2009.

TUESDAY
03/17/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Randy Winick will be on duty this week to attend to morning office matters and record the minutes of this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday's scratches were completed by 9:00 a.m. sharp, consisting of one equipment and one rider change.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Ten races were drawn at 3:00 p.m. for Friday evening's card, consisting of six Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred and one Arabian race.

WEDNESDAY
03/18/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. and resulted in two rider changes, two weight corrections, and a lasix addition.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries were drawn for Saturday at 3:00 p.m., and the ten-race card is comprised of eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY
03/19/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

The 9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed with four rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden fillies and mares three years old and upward, claiming price \$5,000 at 300 yards, went open with six, four being Cal-Breds.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's entries were drawn at 7:00 p.m., and the nine-race card consists of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

(4) BURKE RULINGRULING # 38

ASSOCIATION LABORER JAMES PATRICK BURKE, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE TERMS OF LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION RULING # 12 ISSUED ON JANUARY 22, 2009, IS HEREBY RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. SUBJECT REMAINS ON PROBATION THROUGH MAY 31, 2010.

The above ruling was issued when Mr. Burke produced documentation acceptable to the Stewards showing proof of compliance to a recovery program and signed an ongoing testing agreement.

(5) NO SHOW WAGERING

Los Alamitos Management asked for and received approval from California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Kirk E. Breed to not offer show wagering for tonight's sixth race. The six-furlong Arabian event has a prohibitive favorite, and a large minus pool is anticipated.

(6) RACING

Tonight's races were conducted without incident.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 1 Free Susita (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Gerardo Martin replaced jockey Martin Lomeli (injured).

2nd Race - # 1 Painted Lion claimed, Tr. J. Flores.

4 Red Hot Hawkish claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.

3rd Race - # 4 Apt To Be A Whiz (Tr. W. R. Whitehouse) unsound, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$350.00.

5 Creston Cat (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Chris Russell replaced jockey Martin Lomeli (injured).

5th Race - # 2 Iron Katy claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	711	On Track Handle:	\$93,687
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,871</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$155,480
Total:	2,582	Out of State:	<u>\$485,296</u>
		Total:	\$734,463

FRIDAY
03/20/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday's scratches were handled promptly at 9:00 a.m., resulting in two rider, two equipment and one sex adjustment.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The scheduled Cal-Bred fifth race in the condition book, for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$2,000 at 350 yards, was called off with three entrants.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Dihigi Gladney was in to review his ride from the third race on Saturday, March 14, 2009, where he drove up into a spot between horses that he would have been best served by taking back

instead. Mr. Gladney caused tight quarters that resulted in his being put on heels and taking up and out into the horse to his outside. Dihigi concurred with the Stewards' assessment and promised to be more careful and do a better job in the future.

(4) WILLOUGHBY HEARING (CASE# 09LA0002)

A formal recorded hearing was conducted to address a stipulated agreement case for Trainer Scott Willoughby concerning a positive test finding, resulting in the disqualification and forfeiture of purse for the horse "Some Great Catch," which ran in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 18, 2008, finishing first. Present were Stewards Kim Sawyer, Martin Hamilton, and Randy Winick, Senior Special Investigator Dennis Drulias, and Trainer Willoughby. Investigator Drulias reviewed the basic elements of the case; Steward Sawyer stated the terms of the agreement and entered the exhibits into evidence. Mr. Willoughby was given an opportunity to make a statement on his behalf and offered that he had no problem with the agreement and would abide by the Stewards' rulings, which are to follow.

RULING # 39

TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOME GREAT CATCH" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 18, 2008, HAVING ENTERED INTO A STIPULATED AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000)* AND SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS (MARCH 23, 2009 THRU APRIL 21, 2009) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A) (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES - GABAPENTIN - CLASS III).

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATED AGREEMENT, TWENTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PENDING THE PASSAGE OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, DURING WHICH TIME THE SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II, OR III SUBSTANCES. ACTUAL DAYS SUSPENSION SERVED WILL BE MARCH 23, 2009 THRU MARCH 27, 2009.

(5) DISQUALIFICATION OF THE HORSE "SOME GREAT CATCH"

RULING # 40

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND HAVING BEEN CONFIRMED BY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, THAT URINE SAMPLE# LA10445, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "SOME GREAT CATCH", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 18, 2008, TESTED POSITIVE FOR GABAPENTIN (CLASS III) A PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCE, IT IS ORDERED THAT "SOME GREAT CATCH" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE (\$2,475) EARNED BY OWNER EDWARD C. ALLRED, TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY AND JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITH HELD)

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

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1	MY FLYING HAWK
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3	EASY MONGOOSE
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4	AZOOMIN SOONER
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5	CALIFORNIA DREAMEN

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARI-MUTUEL PAYOFFS.

(6) YACOUB HEARING (CASE# 09LA0028)

An informal hearing was conducted in the above referenced case involving Dr. Anita Yacoub mistakenly treating a horse to race with lasix who was not properly registered to be so treated. Present in addition to the Board of Stewards was Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake, California Horse Racing Board Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck, and Dr. Yacoub. Testimony from both doctors was heard, and it was determined that it amounted to essentially sloppy procedure and an accidental administration on the part of Dr. Yacoub.

Dr. Beck and the Stewards explained to the young veterinarian that this was a serious violation that could have resulted in numerous negative consequences. The situation was somewhat alleviated by the trainer agreeing to run the horse on lasix instead of scratching him; however this did not excuse her inattention to detail. A ruling will follow after deliberation.

(7) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the finish of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlong) to review the start where # 9 “Cutting Force” (DNF – G. Gavica) reared and was hung up in the starting gate, causing his rider to step off. Shortly thereafter his horse left unescorted, trailing well behind the field. After a review of the taped replay, the Stewards declared the race official, deciding that the horse was the cause of his own problem.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Sherry To (Tr. D. Ward) Stewards, entered back.
Refund: \$2,398.00.

2nd Race - # 2 Early Morning Snow claimed, Tr. J. Nunez.

3rd Race - # 8 Nikki's Latin (Tr. R. Bean) late first-time gelding.

9 Cutting Force (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Otto Arriaga replaced jockey Martin Lomeli (injured).

Note: “Cutting Force” broke down at the finish and was vanned off.

4th Race - # 3 Willie Super (Tr. M. Casselman) Stewards – unsound, jockey request.
Refund: \$5,516.00.

5th Race - # 1 Pop Icon (Tr. H. Sanchez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$310.00.

6 Montenegrin (Tr. E. January) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$104.00.

8th Race - # 3 Mr Morning Snow (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$110.00.

9th Race - # 4 Serendipity claimed, Tr. R. Melgoza.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1,198
Off Track Attendance: 2,537
Total: 3,735

On Track Handle: \$155,013
Off Track Handle: \$322,402
Out of State: \$707,233
Total: \$1,184,648

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race for Saturday, fillies three years old bred in California, claiming price \$8,000 going 300 yards, was called off with no entries.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Entries for Thursday were conducted at 4:30 p.m., with the card comprised of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred contests.

(3) FARRIS HEARING (CASE# 09LA0033)

Trainer Vod Farris appeared as required in the above referenced case to explain his horse having a high level of bute in addition to a trace amount of Flunixin in the post-work blood sample for a horse he was trying to have removed from the Veterinarian's List for unsoundness.

Mr. Farris stated that he thought it was quite possible that he told his assistant to give an oral dose of bute and also gave an additional dose himself, forgetting that he prescribed her to do so earlier. He acknowledged it was his fault and accepted responsibility. Vod did however state that he had no knowledge of how this horse showed any detectable amount of Flunixin, which he said he does not use or have in his possession.

The Stewards told Mr. Farris that they would take all testimony into consideration and issue a ruling in the near future.

(4) YACOUB RULINGRULING # 41

VETERINARIAN ANITA YACOUB, D.V.M. IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION - TREATMENT OF HORSE NOT ON BLEEDER LIST) ON MARCH 1, 2009.

The above ruling was issued following due deliberation over the facts pertaining to case #09LA0028 heard on March 20, 2009 (refer 03/20/09 (6)).

(5) RACING PROGRAM

Saturday evening's races were conducted without reportable incident.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 7 Sabrin claimed, Tr. R. Dominguez.

3rd Race - # 5 Catledo claimed, Tr. E. Navarro.

4th Race - # 3 With Devotion claimed, Tr. J. Nunez.

5 Tibu (Tr. C. Bloomquist) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$7,430.00.

7 Shadows Rattler (Tr. L. Hernandez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$289.00.

5th Race - # 5 Bertrandos Freedom (Tr. H. Ho) veterinarian – unsound, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$155.00.

6th Race - # 4 Hope To See Ya Zoom (Tr. C. Gonzalez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$271.00.

10th Race - # 4 Repeat Champ claimed, Tr. J. Nunez.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,515	On Track Handle:	\$157,415
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,129</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$317,565
Total:	4,644	Out of State:	<u>\$652,681</u>
		Total:	\$1,127,661

SUNDAY
03/22/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book for Sunday, California-bred maiden fillies and mares three years old and upward, claiming price \$4,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with no entrants.

(2) SANCHEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ramon Sanchez was in to review the second race from Saturday evening, where he appeared to overreact and take more hold than necessary of his horse as he anticipated a rival on his outside coming down into his path. Neither Ramon's horse nor his lane were ever compromised, or did this action cost him a placing, however, the Stewards cautioned Mr. Sanchez to persevere at all times to the best of his ability when not in jeopardy. Ramon was somewhat unhappy with this assessment but understood the Stewards' position. This review was considered a warning.

(3) GOOD RACING

Sunday evening's program was completed without mishap.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 5 Aimed For Fame (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Dennis Means (injured hand).

4th Race - # 4 Shine On You (Tr. L. Melton) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$660.00.

7th Race - # 1 Connive claimed, Tr. C. Gonzalez.

8th Race - # 5 Seperate Game (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$343.00.

9th Race - # 1 Apollos Sensation (Tr. S. Perez) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Martin Lomeli (injured hand).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 735
Off Track Attendance: 2,501
Total: 3,236

On Track Handle: \$114,105
Off Track Handle: \$304,343
Out of State: \$677,090
Total: \$1,095,538

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>
03/19/2009	3	4	Apt To Be A Whiz	W. R. Whitehouse	Unsound	Beck	\$350
03/20/2009	5	1	Pop Icon	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$310
	5	6	Montenegrin	E. January	Sick	Hackathorn	\$104
	8	3	Mr Morning Snow	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$110
03/21/2009	4	5	Tibu	C. Bloomquist	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,430
	4	7	Shadows Rattler	L. Hernandez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$289
	5	5	Bertrandos Freedom	H. Ho	Unsound	Hackathorn	\$155
	6	4	Hope To See Ya Zoom	C. Gonzalez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$271
03/22/2009	4	4	Shine On You	L. Melton	Injured	Hackathorn	\$660
	8	5	Seperate Game	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$343

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 22, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: five for soundness, five for injury and five for sickness.

Twelve 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 03/19	FRI 03/20	SAT 03/21	SUN 03/22	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	3	3	4	1	11	143
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	12
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	0	1	29
REFUNDS		A		1	5	4	2	12	144
RULINGS			Y	1	2	1	0	4	41

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Kim Sawyer (Steward)