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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 7, 2009 through April 12, 2009.

TUESDAY

04/07/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will be on duty this week and will supervise morning office matters along with recording the minutes of this period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. and involved three rider and one equipment change.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

There were nine races drawn for Friday evening's program, consisting of seven Quarter Horse events, including the Grade II "El Primero Del Ano Derby," one Thoroughbred, and one Arabian contest to round out the card.

WEDNESDAY

04/08/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday's scratches yielded one rider and one equipment change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Saturday were drawn at 4:00 p.m., and the ten-race card is comprised of seven Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and one Arabian race.

THURSDAY

04/09/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

9:00 a.m. scratch time resulted in one declaration, one rider, and one equipment change.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Thursday's Cal-Bred race for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$4,000 at 330 yards, was called off with only one horse entered.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Sunday was commenced at 4:30 p.m. due to sparse participation at the entry box. The nine-race card is comprised of seven Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

(4) FISCAL RULING (CASE# 09LA0034 – REFER 04/05/09 (1))

RULING # 47

TRAINER SERGIO FISCAL WHO WORKED THE HORSE "PALADASH" AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009, FOR REMOVAL FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST, IS FINED THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST) AND # 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 RULE # 1844(A) (C) (2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION –FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (441 NG/ML)-(SECOND-NSAID)

The above ruling was issued upon conclusion of deliberations after an informal hearing held on Sunday, April 5, 2009, wherein Mr. Fiscal conceded to the finding of the official lab.

(5) PEREZ RULING

RULING # 48

TRAINER MAGDALENO PEREZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DEVINE INVESTMENT" IN THE THIRD RACE ON MARCH 1, 2009, 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 – METHOCARBAMOL).

The above ruling was issued after trainer Mag Perez contacted the Stewards telephonically and agreed to go ahead informally with a hearing concerning a positive test finding for Methocarbamol on March 1, 2009 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Mr. Perez acknowledged that his groom mistakenly gave this medication due to a miscommunication of procedure. Mag said he would be more careful in the future.

(6) STABLE AREA VIOLATION

RULING # 49

EXERCISE RIDER MARTIN H. CUEVAS IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - SPEEDING IN PARKING LOT).

The above ruling was given to exercise rider Martin H. Cuevas for speeding in the Stable Area parking lot. Mr. Cuevas accepted this as true and said he would comply with Stable Area regulations in the future.

(7) BEAN HEARING (CASE# 09LA0043)

Trainer Robert Bean was in to see the Stewards informally to address the above referenced case involving not reporting a gelding at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 20, 2009. Mr. Bean's testimony was that it was entirely his fault and was nothing more than an oversight on his part. The Stewards will deliberate and issue a ruling in the near future.

(8) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Baltazar Contreras was in to review a race from Sunday evening in which his mount was disqualified for coming in on another horse in the stretch. Video replay did show his horse drift in and make contact, but it appeared to be attributable to the horse being somewhat green. The Stewards recommended to Baltazar to react a little quicker in the future to prevent this from happening, to which he said he would.

(9) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

As the horses were approaching the finish line in the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), # 3

"Mr Morning Snow" (D.N.F. - F. Rubio) appeared to "lock up" in his hind quarters and lose its action, unseating jockey Francisco Rubio, who fell to the track surface and had to be attended to by the track E.M.T.'s. (See attached report.) The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the incident and determined that it had no impact on the order of finish, thereby the result was posted official as finished.

(10) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 6 Fishing For Bait claimed, Tr. Juan Romo, Jr.
- 3rd Race - # 4 Love My Rose (Tr. H. Shelley) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$284.00.
- 4th Race - # 7 Pritzi Please claimed, Tr. Juan Romo, Jr.
- 5th Race - # 1 Nationwide Family claimed, Tr. Angela Aquino.
- # 3 Confucius Sez claimed, Tr. Ruben Gonzalez.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	722	On Track Handle:	\$106,885
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,960</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$201,749
Total:	<u>2,682</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$495,705</u>
		Total:	\$804,339

FRIDAY

04/10/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday's 9:00 a.m. scratch time produced no changes or declarations.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book for California-Bred maidens, three years old and upward for a claiming price of \$2,500 going 300 yards was called off with only two entries.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Dee Dee Williams was in to review the fifth race from the previous evening where she won the race, but her horse shifted out as she went for a hole straightening for the stretch. Dee Dee was counseled to be a little quicker to grab her mount's inside rein to keep a straight course when her mount shifts outward. Ms. Williams was receptive to this critique.

(4) MENDEZ RULING

RULING # 50

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued to jockey Santiago Mendez for arriving late to the Jockey's Room for the second race on Sunday, April 5th due to traffic problems on the freeway and was unable to fulfill his engagement. The Stewards told Mr. Mendez it is his responsibility to be here on time.

(5) BEAN RULING (REFER 04/09/09 (7))

RULING # 51

TRAINER ROBERT BEAN IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR FAILURE TO PROPERLY REPORT THE GELDING OF THE HORSE "NIKKI'S LATIN" WHICH RAN IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 20, 2009. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1865 (ALTERING OF SEX OF HORSE).

The above ruling was issued to trainer Robert Bean after due deliberation of case #09LA0043 held in the Stewards' Office on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

(6)DELAY OF START

There was about a four minute delay to the start of the third race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) after it was discovered that there was a problem with the button on the electric cord that the starter uses to open the gate. The entire field was backed out as the cord was swapped for a replacement, and the field was dispatched without a hitch after they were reloaded in the gate.

(7)THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry light after the finish of the third race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) to review an incident shortly after the start where # 5 “Feature Mr Regards” (3rd – C. Bautista) came in sharply while hit right-handed on # 4 “Cosmic Brownie” (5th – J. Andrade) and more severely on # 3 “A Corona Royal” (7th – D. Means), costing both horses all opportunity at their maximum placings in the opinion of the Stewards. After review of the taped replay, the Stewards disqualified # 5 and placed him last behind # 3 for interference.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 7 – (5) – 1 – 4 – 2 – 3

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 7 – 1 – 4 – 2 – 3 – (5)

(8)NINTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Immediately upon completion of the ninth race (Quarter Horse – 440 yards), the Stewards called for an Inquiry into the entire stretch run, involving # 6 “Berry Red Hawk” (1st – E. Nicasio) bearing inward from shortly after the start and repeatedly through the stretch on # 4 “Earnhard” (2nd – D. Means), making contact several times, forcing him in on # 2 “A Classy Lady Bug” (3rd – R. Aceves), causing both riders to check and steady. After a thorough review of the taped replay, the Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified # 6 from first to third, behind # 2, for interference through the stretch, costing both horses an opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (6) – 4 – 2 – 7 – 1 – 5

Official Order of Finish: 4 – 2 – (6) – 7 – 1 – 5

(9)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 5 Razz Attack (Tr. E. January) jockey Jessie Chavis replaced jockey Dihigi

2nd Race - # 3 Deep Creek Bobbie (Tr. F. Quintero) jockey Carlos Bautista replaced jockey

3rd Race - # 7 Frankly Too claimed, Tr. J. Romo, Jr.

4th Race - # 8 Daddies Little Girl (Tr. B. Vickery) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$162.00.

9th Race - # 3 Conquer The Mountain (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$334.00.

5 IMA Check Maker (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Francisco

(10)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1,118

Off Track Attendance: 2,946

Total: 4,064

Off Track Handle: \$307,625

Out of State: \$678,880

Total: \$1,135,488

SATURDAY

04/11/2009 (1)CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Saturday, California-Bred maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$6,250 at 330 yards, failed to fill with only two Cal-Breds but went open with a field of six.

(2)ENTRIES AND DRAW

Thursday's draw conducted at 1:00 p.m., with a card of eight races, is comprised of five Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and one Arabian event.

(3)FILM REVIEW

Several riders were in to see the Stewards this evening for various issues on the previous night's card. Jockeys Jeff Jerman and Jessie Chavis were counseled to be more aware of their horse drifting in and out when racing down the stretch and to grab their reins a little quicker to straighten them. Both riders were cooperative and acknowledged that they would do a better job in the future.

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was in to review his ride in the ninth race where his mount won the race but was disqualified for bearing in and causing interference throughout the stretch run. The film showed that Mr. Nicasio did make a good effort two separate times to straighten his mount, but on a third attempt, he tried to switch his whip and the horse got away from him somewhat. The interference was primarily put on the horse being difficult to ride, and Mr. Nicasio was not awarded days but cautioned to keep control of his horse at all times as his top priority.

The final rider of the evening to appear was Carlos Bautista who was involved in two races where he allowed his mounts to bear out in one race and bear in in the other, to which he was disqualified for interference. In that race Carlos continued to ride his horse as he was lugging inward in addition to striking him right-handed without trying to correct him. The Stewards thought that Carlos was a much better rider than the efforts he made in both these races. The following ruling was issued for interference in the third race on Friday, April 10, 2009.

RULING # 52

JOCKEY CARLOS BAUTISTA, WHO RODE "FEATURE MR REGARDS" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (APRIL 18TH, 19TH, 23RD, AND 24TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SEVENTH 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.

(4)FLORES HEARING (CASE# 09LA0027)

RULING # 53

TRAINER JOSE FLORES WHO WORKED THE HORSE "CHINO NATIVE" AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2009, FOR REMOVAL FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST, IS FINED THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST) AND # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5.46 UG/ML)).

The above ruling was issued after an informal hearing with Mr. Flores where he accepted responsibility for administering two bute tabs too close to his horse's workout for the Official Veterinarian for removal from the Veterinarian's List. This is a second offense for Jose in a twelve-month period, and he has an overall poor medication management record.

(5)SEVENTH RACE – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the seventh race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards), jockey Carlos Bautista who rode # 4 "Classic Champ" (6th) lodged an objection for interference by # 5 "Ma Knee For Manny" (4th) in mid-stretch. A review of the taped replay did not substantiate his claim; therefore, the Stewards did not change the original order of finish.

(6)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 1 El Cameleon (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$310.00.

3 Heartbeat Lajolla (Tr. J. Nunez) Stewards – entered back.
Refund: \$125.00.

5th Race - # 3 Magneto CS (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$896.00.

6th Race - # 6 Azforyou (Tr. J. Gomez) Stewards – entered back.
Refund: \$210.00.

8th Race - # 6 Check This Dream (Tr. D. Urista) jockey Carlos Bautista replaced jockey
Francisco Rubio (injured).

(7)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,203	On Track Handle:	\$152,754
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,022</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$319,221
Total:	4,225	Out of State:	<u>\$638,663</u>
		Total:	\$1,110,638

SUNDAY

04/12/2009

(1)CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book for Sunday, California-Bred three-year-olds and upward for a claiming price of \$2,500 at 300 yards, failed to fill and was called off with only one entry.

(2)TOTE MEETING

An informal meeting was held in the Stewards' Office with Scientific Games Field Service Manager Lance Ku, Placing Judges Ed Reese and Geoff Waxler, along with Stewards Kim Sawyer, Martin Hamilton, and Randy Winick to discuss problems with the tote board that have cropped up over the past year and frequently in the past few weeks. Some of the problems include the Inquiry and Photo Finish lights going out and needing to be posted on the same side of the board, the Dead Heat lights not staying up, the running time not clearing when needed, and inconsistencies in the functionality of the tote board overall.

Mr. Ku stated that problems with the hardware, software, and various patches were being addressed and that technicians would be working on Monday and Tuesday to have the problems hopefully solved by race-day on Thursday. Mr. Ku has been aware of these problems for some time and hopes he can get some results in the near future.

(3)BUSTAMANTE RULING

RULING # 54

EXERCISE RIDER YANEL BUSTAMANTE IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - SPEEDING IN BARN AREA).

The above ruling was issued to Mr. Bustamante for having no reasonable answer or excuse for speeding in the stable area.

(4)FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the conclusion of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 220 yards) to review the start where the doors to stall # 2 opened tardily. The taped replay was inconclusive, but the Stewards confirmed the horse was in a flipping halter that was tied short at the request of the jockey. It was determined that the horse was the cause of his own problem by pulling against the door, and according to the disclaimer on horses tied in the gate with a flipping halter, the Stewards declared the horse a starter.

There was also a jockey objection in the race involving the rider of # 3 “Lion Drive” (7th – D. Means) against # 4 “Nuevo Cartel” (3rd – E. Nicasio) for interference out of the gate. The taped replay fails to substantiate his claim, as his horse was slow out of the gate, and the hole closed before he was up in the space. The Stewards declared the race official on both counts.

(5)SIXTH RACE – NO SHOW WAGERING

Show wagering was canceled in the sixth race when the six-horse field was scratched down to four betting interests, due to two late scratches, as required per California Horse Racing Board rule # 1959.

(6)SEVENTH RACE – NO SHOW WAGERING

There is also no show wagering in tonight's seventh race due to a request by Los Alamitos Director of Racing Ron Church to California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Kirk Breed for fear of a large minus pool on this race because of the small field size.

(7)SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the last several strides of the 300-yard Quarter Horse race where # 3 "I'm Dashin" (3rd – C. De Alba) had to check between # 4 "DLT Runaway" (1st – S. Mendez), and # 1 "Sumbeanchincalifornia" (2nd – J. Jerman). Taped replays showed that # 4 did drift inward a couple of paths, and # 1 was bearing outward somewhat, making it tight on # 3. When quarters tightened, # 3 stepped in slightly on # 1, as he was coming out, tipping himself into # 4 and having to take up. All of this took place in the final couple of strides, along with # 3 appearing to have reached his maximum placing at the time. As a result of all the circumstances involved, the Stewards thought there should be no change to the order of finish. While no disqualification resulted, the Stewards will have all riders involved in to review their performance.

(8)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 4 Hot Czech Chick claimed, Tr. J. Romo, Jr.

3rd Race - # 1 DJD Yougotago claimed, Tr. C. Gonzalez.

5 IB A Bono claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

5th Race - # 1 Legal Strategy (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$167.00.

5 Saints Topper claimed, Tr. J. Clark.

6th Race - # 1 Warren'sgoldengirl (Tr. J. Hanson) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$489.00.

4 Tikolino (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$793.00.

9th Race - # 2 Salmon Falls (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$244.00.

(9)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 703
Off Track Attendance: 2,340
Total: 3,043

On Track Handle: \$122,308
Off Track Handle: \$257,768
Out of State: \$632,420
Total: \$1,012,496

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>
04/09/2009	3	4	Love My Rose	H. Shelley	Injured	Hackathorn	\$284
04/10/2009	4	8	Daddies Little Girl	B. Vickery	Sick	Hackathorn	\$162
	9	3	Conquer The Mountain	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$334
04/11/2009	2	1	El Cameleon	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$310
	5	3	Magneto CS	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$896
04/12/2009	5	1	Legal Strategy	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$167
	6	1	Warren'sgoldengirl	J. Hanson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$489
	6	4	Tikolino	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$793
	9	2	Salmon Falls	J. Romo, Jr.	Sick	Hackathorn	\$244

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 12, 2009.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

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

Five 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 04/09	FRI 04/10	SAT 04/11	SUN 04/12	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	0	0	0	1	10
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	1	0	4	9	186
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	2	0	0	2	17
INQUIRIES	D			0	2	1	2	5	39
REFUNDS		A		1	2	4	4	11	174
RULINGS			Y	3	2	2	1	8	54

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)