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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 5, 2009 through May 10, 2009.

TUESDAY

05/05/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to the morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

One scratch and one rider change comprised the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races were drawn for Friday completed by noon.

(4) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for Friday failed to fill.

WEDNESDAY

05/06/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

Scratch time for Friday was at the usual time of 9:00 a.m. with one scratch and one rider change.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Ten races were drawn for Saturday consisting of one Arabian, one Thoroughbred, and eight Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 11:30 a.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for three-year-olds at 330 yards failed to fill.

THURSDAY

05/07/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One equipment change and two rider changes were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races were drawn for Sunday, completed at 11:30 a.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for three-year-olds, claiming price \$10,000, going 330 yards failed to fill.

(4) LORENZO RUIZ (CASE# 09LA0086)

Trainer Lorenzo Ruiz was afforded an informal hearing to address the above referenced complaint filed when his horse "Bambas Chick" tested for Phenylbutazone in excess of the permitted level (6.02 ug/mL). Ruiz stated that he fed two and one half bute pills the night before the race, which, obviously is too much and has adjusted his medication program. As this is Mr. Ruiz's first violation, the following ruling was deemed appropriate.

RULING # 75

TRAINER LORENZO RUIZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "BAMBAS CHICK" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON APRIL 11, 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 – PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (6.02 UG/ML)).

(5) ANGEL XILOJ RULING

Groom Angel Xiloj appeared in response to a security violation notice he received last evening when he went to a neighboring barn and started a ruckus while intoxicated. In addition to a laceration on his chin that he sustained in a fall, Mr. Xiloj was issued the following ruling.

RULING # 76

GROOM ANGEL XILOJ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT - INTOXICATION).

(6) NO PROBLEMS

This evening's eight races were completed without noteworthy incident.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 8 Tikolino (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$893.00.

3rd Race - # 1 El Senor Halo (Tr. J. Nunez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$451.00.

6th Race - # 2 Imcheckn (Tr. F. Quintero) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$436.00.

7th Race - # 3 Hard Lining (Tr. S. Willoughby) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$510.00.

8th Race - # 4 Figgie (Tr. S. Willoughby) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$592.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	691	On Track Handle:	\$116,828
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,841</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$184,192
Total:	2,532	Out of State:	<u>\$464,940</u>
		Total:	\$765,960

FRIDAY

05/08/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One rider change was the only adjustment for Sunday's card.

(2) JOEL VALADEZ RULINGRULING # 77

JOCKEY JOEL VALADEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1682 (WEIGHING OUT - FAILED TO REPORT AND MAKE WEIGHT) ON MAY 3, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Valadez appeared with his trainer, Jesus Nunez, and failed to offer a plausible reason for not making weight on Sunday, May 3, prompting a late rider change.

(3) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the sixth race in order to evaluate an observed incident going into the far turn between #1 “Yo Da Man” (5th – jockey Alex Bautista) and #4 “Renees Beauty” (6th – jockey Ramon Guce).

Films show #1 stepped out at the break of the turn and bumped the hind quarters of # 4, causing the latter to check and lose position only to be beaten a neck at the wire by #1.

After reviewing the tapes of the race and after talking to the riders involved, #1 was disqualified from fifth and placed sixth in a unanimous decision.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 3 Societies Best (Tr. S. Perez) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$120.00.

9th Race - # 5 Easy Your Honor (Tr. A. Aquino) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$307.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,472	On Track Handle:	\$159,099
Off Track Attendance:	3,900	Off Track Handle:	\$473,242
Total:	5,372	Out of State:	\$750,703
		Total:	\$1,383,044

SATURDAY

05/09/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Thursday's program is comprised of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 11:30 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for maiden two year olds, claiming price \$12,500, at the distance of 300 yards, failed to fill.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Jeff Jerman and Dionicio Navarro were in, as directed, to review the second and sixth races, respectively, and both were cautioned in various areas of concern.

(4) RODRIGO MATIAS (CASE# 09LA0074)RULING # 78

APPRENTICE JOCKEY RODRIGO MATIAS, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1489 (d)(h) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE), IS SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RODRIGO MATIAS ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. MATIAS IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing ruling was issued when jockey Rodrigo Matias failed to appear for his scheduled hearing alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1489 (d&h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). Mr. Matias tested positive for marijuana and cocaine in a field test that was later confirmed by Quest Diagnostics.

(5) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the eighth race, the Stewards illuminated the Inquiry sign to evaluate an observed incident midway in the 300-yard Quarter Horse sprint.

Films show # 5 “Royal Medallion” (3rd – jockey Santiago Mendez) came in under right-hand urging and forced # 4 “Cyclonic” (4th – Rodrigo Aceves) and # 3 “Chicks Is Back” (5th – Alex Bautista) to steady off heels while losing ground and momentum, costing both rivals a chance at better placings.

For that action # 5 was disqualified from third and placed fifth in a unanimous decision.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 6 Queen Missy (Tr. V. Garcia) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$2,086.00.

5th Race - # 4 Cocktails On High (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) broke through starting gate – ran off, Stewards.
Refund: \$7,899.00.

7th Race - # 9 Dream The Day Away (Tr. D. Francisco) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$672.00.

8th Race - # 7 Work Up An Attitude (Tr. F. Quintero) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$258.00.

8 Casino Chicks (Tr. J. Nunez) unlicensed owner, Stewards.
Refund: \$478.00.

9th Race - # 4 Bugazoom (Tr. J. Nunez) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$10,972.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,378	On Track Handle:	\$171,195
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,033</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$365,016
Total:	4,411	Out of State:	<u>\$759,794</u>
		Total:	\$1,296,005

SUNDAY

05/10/2009

(1) SANTIAGO MENDEZ

Jockey Santiago Mendez was in, as directed, to review the eighth race from last evening where his mount was disqualified from third to fifth place (refer 05/09/09 (5)). Films reflect Mendez's mount was drifting in when he whipped him right-handed, causing him to go in even further putting both # 4 and # 3 on heels. Mr. Mendez was also shown the ninth race where he demonstrated similar tendencies. Through interpreter Pepe Magana, Mendez could not offer any mitigating factors that would deter the following ruling.

RULING # 79

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ, WHO RODE “ROYAL MEDALLION” IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (MAY 17TH, 21ST, 22ND, AND 23RD, 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 FIFTH 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.

(2) GOOD PROGRAM

This evening's nine-race program progressed smoothly without noteworthy incident.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 7 Premier Won (Tr. J. Nunez) no lasix, Stewards.
Refund: \$2,581.00.

8 Richer Gear (Tr. E. Navarro) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$211.00.

3rd Race - # 2 Armstrong Won (Tr. P. Eurton) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,118.00.

7th Race - # 1 Joe Killer (Tr. F. Quintero) rider request, Stewards.
Refund: \$14,708.00.

5 Junos American Royal (Tr. G. Morales) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$318.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 851
Off Track Attendance: 2,383
Total: 3,234

On Track Handle: \$119,314
Off Track Handle: \$247,440
Out of State: \$575,489
Total: \$942,243

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>
05/07/2009	1	8	Tikolino	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$893
	3	1	El Senor Halo	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$451
	6	2	Imcheckn	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$436
	7	3	Hard Lining	S. Willoughby	Injured	Beck	\$510
	8	4	Figgie	S. Willoughby	Injured	Hackathorn	\$592
05/08/2009	9	5	Easy Your Honor	A. Aquino	Injured	Hackathorn	\$307
05/09/2009	1	6	Queen Missy	V. Garcia	Sick	Beck	\$2,086
	7	9	Dream The Day Away	D. Francisco	Injured	Hackathorn	\$672
	8	7	Work Up An Attitude	F. Quintero	Sick	Beck	\$258
	9	4	Bugazoom	J. Nunez	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$10,972
05/10/2009	1	8	Richer Gear	E. Navarro	Injured	Hackathorn	\$211
	3	2	Armstrong Won	P. Eurton	Sick	Beck	\$1,118
	7	5	Junos American Royal	G. Morales	Sick	Hackathorn	\$318

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 10, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: three for soundness, seven for injury and six 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 05/07	FRI 05/08	SAT 05/09	SUN 05/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	11
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	0	1	4	4	9	219
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	1	0	2	20
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	1	0	2	48
REFUNDS		A		5	2	6	5	18	230
RULINGS			Y	2	1	1	1	5	79

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

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)