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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 19, 2009 through May 24, 2009.

TUESDAY

05/19/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

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

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Scratches for Thursday's program were taken at 9:00 a.m. promptly and yielded the following: one declaration, one jockey change, one weight correction, a claiming price deletion, and a change of sex.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Nine races were drawn at noon for Friday night's card, consisting of seven Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred events.

WEDNESDAY

05/20/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. for Friday's races and resulted in one declaration, one equipment change, a first time gelding report, and three rider adjustments.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's entries were drawn at 11:45 a.m. and the ten-race card is comprised of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred contests.

THURSDAY

05/21/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday's races produced three rider changes.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fifth race in the book for Thursday, California-Bred three year olds and upward at 300 yards, claiming price \$2,000, failed to fill with only one entry.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's draw was commenced at 12:00 p.m. with the nine races composed of seven Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred, and one Arabian contest.

(4) OFFICE MATTERS

This afternoon's office activities were of a routine nature.

(5) EVENING RACING

Tonight's racing was conducted without a reportable incident.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 Brite Ruler (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$231.00.

3rd Race - # 4 Skims Chime claimed, Tr. C. O'Dell.

6th Race - # 4 My Last Boot claimed, Tr. J. Nunez.

7 In Remembrance SBL claimed, Tr. L. Hernandez.

8th Race - # 9 Fabulous Fifties claimed, Tr. C. Gonzalez.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	715	On Track Handle:	\$113,655
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,840</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$174,694
Total:	<u>2,555</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$446,991</u>
		Total:	<u>\$735,340</u>

FRIDAY

05/22/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. and produced two reported geldings, two equipment changes, and a jockey replacement.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race for Friday, California-Bred maidens, three years old and up for a claiming price of \$2,500 at 300 yards, went open with ten, five of which are Cal-Breds.

(3) HERNANDEZ HEARING (CASE# 09LA0078)

Trainer Janet Hernandez appeared informally for the above referenced complaint to address why her horse "Knight of Romance" was entered as a gelding but was listed on the official program as a colt. Ms. Hernandez said she acquired the horse as a gelding several months previously but mistakenly thought the registration papers had been changed to reflect such but in fact had not. The Stewards informed Janet that it is her responsibility to make such change with the racing secretary and the official horse identifier. The following ruling was issued to Ms. Hernandez for this infraction.

RULING #87

TRAINER JANET HERNANDEZ IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR FAILURE TO PROPERLY REPORT THE GELDING OF THE HORSE "KNIGHT OF ROMANCE" WHICH RAN IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 10, 2009. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1865 (ALTERING OF SEX OF HORSE).

(4) SECOND RACE (QUARTER HORSE – 300 YARDS) – ACCIDENT

During the running of the second race, # 3 "My Hero Jr" (D.N.F. - A. Loza) broke awkwardly and raced greenly for the first 100 yards of the 300-yard Quarter Horse event, veering inward toward the inside rail and unseating his jockey who fell to the track surface. (See attached accident report.) This incident had no bearing on any other participants or on the outcome of the race.

(5) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the finish of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 220 yards) to view an incident in the last fifty yards where # 3 “Minimalist” (3rd – E. Gomez) drifted out under continuous left-handed whipping to cross over in front of # 4 “Kathywilliams” (5th – J. Jerman) and put that one on his heels, causing him to check. The Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified # 3 from third to fifth, behind # 4 for interference in the stretch, costing that one an opportunity at a better placing.

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

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

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 8 Sandia Sunset (Tr. J. Godinez) Stewards – unsound, jockey request.
Refund: \$4,821.00.

3rd Race - # 2 El Gato Guapo (Tr. C. Treece) lame past wire – vanned off.

4th Race - # 9 Avenue Twenty Four (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$150.00.

5th Race - # 1 Lady Pickens claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.

7th Race - # 6 Jess Arisen Moon (Tr. P. Jones) Stewards – age ineligible.
Refund: \$201.00.

8 Arctic Ocean (Tr. F. Gonzalez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$121.00.

9th Race - # 9 Pure Bambino (Tr. M. Loza) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$77.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,420	On Track Handle:	\$166,899
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,949</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$468,304
Total:	5,369	Out of State:	<u>\$688,503</u>
		Total:	\$1,323,706

SATURDAY**05/23/2009 (1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for California-Bred maiden two-year-olds going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

There were no entries taken for Thursday on Saturday morning because Los Alamitos Management canceled racing due to Hollywood Park and Golden Gate Fields being dark on that day.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Joel Valadez reviewed the second race from Friday evening where his mount was drifting inward and caused quarters to tighten on his inside rival in deep stretch. The Stewards cautioned Mr. Valadez to be more careful and to use his reins to guide his horses while keeping them straight. Joel agreed to do a better job in the future.

Jockey Jessie Chavis was in to review the fourth race to discuss his mount's bearing in out of the gate on his inside rival. The Stewards thought Jessie could have done a better job but did acknowledge that his mount might have locked up on the bit and been a little difficult to manage. Jessie agreed to this assessment and also said he would do a better job in future races.

Jockey Eulices Gomez was in to review film from Friday's sixth race where his mount was disqualified from third to fifth place for coming out significantly through deep stretch and interfering with the horse to his outside, costing that one to be put on his heels, while taking up and losing a chance at a better placing. Mr. Gomez acknowledged his responsibility in letting his mount get away

from him and that he could have done a better job in guiding him on a straight path by limiting his left-handed whipping and using his left rein instead. The following ruling was issued for careless riding.

RULING #88

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ, WHO RODE "MINIMALIST" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (MAY 30TH, 31ST, JUNE 4TH, AND 5TH, 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.

(4) NAVARRO HEARING (CASE# 09LA0054)

A formal hearing was conducted to hear the above referenced complaint (case# 09LA0054) concerning a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband) by trainer Eloy Navarro.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Albert Christiansen, Martin Hamilton and Randy Winick, Senior Special Investigator Tom Blake, Certified Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein and respondent trainer Eloy Navarro.

The proceedings were started with defendant Navarro being given his due process rights to be represented, to which he declined and stated he would proceed. Investigator Blake read the crux of the complaint, which indicated that Mr. Navarro was in possession of injectable medications and syringes on his person and in his vehicle on the grounds of Los Alamitos Race Track during a routine barn inspection.

Mr. Navarro was asked to give testimony as to why he was in possession of these items, to which he accepted guilt and responsibility, stating it was an oversight of his due to him forgetting to leave the contraband at his ranch where he treats his own horses and breeds mares. The Stewards advised him that this is a serious violation and that it is unacceptable to be so lax in his attention to the rules. A ruling will be forthcoming after deliberation.

(5) SIXTH RACE – ACCIDENT – NO SHOW WAGERING

While the field was loading into the starting gate for the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), #1 "Exit Strategy" (G. Suarez) and #2 "For All You Do" (J. Andrade) were fractious in their respective stalls, injuring themselves along with their riders, requiring the track veterinarian to recommend to the Stewards that they be scratched. The track E.M.T.'s attended to both riders and also recommended that they both be excused for the evening due to minor injuries. (See attached reports.) The six-horse field was reduced to four, requiring show wagering to be canceled.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

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| 1 st Race - | # 8 <u>Track Majesty</u> (Tr. A. Kitchingman) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$24,798.00. |
| 6 th Race - | # 1 <u>Exit Strategy</u> (Tr. D. Ekins) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$3,428.00. |
| | # 2 <u>For All You Do</u> (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$21,062.00. |
| 8 th Race - | # 2 <u>Hakka</u> (Tr. M. Loza) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Juan Andrade (injured). |
| 9 th Race - | # 1 <u>Red Hot N Single</u> (Tr. M. Loza) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Juan Andrade (injured). |
| 10 th Race - | # 1 <u>Oak Creek</u> (Tr. C. Hall) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$487.00. |

7 Dashy N Paycheck (Tr. E. Navarro) jockey Dorothy Williams replaced Carlos Bautista (injured).

8 Dream The Day Away (Tr. D. Francisco) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$181.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,185	On Track Handle:	\$129,004
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,441</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$261,249
Total:	3,626	Out of State:	<u>\$591,226</u>
		Total:	\$981,479

SUNDAY

05/24/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race for Sunday, California-Bred maidens, three years old and upward for a claiming price of \$5,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with two Cal-Breds but went open with seven.

(2) NAVARRO RULING (REFER 05/23/09 (4))

RULING #89

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION), TRAINER ELOY NAVARRO IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (JUNE 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND - NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND INJECTABLES).

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

The above ruling was issued to trainer Eloy Navarro after due deliberation of the facts involving case# 09LA0054 for possession of contraband. The term of this suspension was based on previous cases similar in nature combined with his reasonably good record for the past two years.

(3) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 220 yards), the Stewards called for an Inquiry to review an incident shortly after the start, where #7 “Pappyscoronalibro” (1st – R. Sanchez) came over two paths on #6 “Secret Look” (6th – C. De Alba), causing him to be squeezed against #5 “Chicks Bac Now” (3rd – F. Rubio) to his inside and forced to take up on his heels, losing any opportunity at a better placing. After viewing the taped replay, in a unanimous decision by the Stewards, #7 was disqualified from first to sixth for interference.

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

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

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 Halfway There (Tr. S. Perez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$371.00.

2nd Race - # 8 Bono Dot Com (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Adrian Loza (injured).

9 Bugazoom (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$278.00.

3rd Race - # 6 Iwillpickupthecheck (Tr. P. Visscher) Stewards – jockey request, unsound.
Refund: \$12,337.00.

7 Mables Delight claimed, Tr. J. De La Torre.6th Race - # 7 Rafting (Tr. F. Gonzalez) jockey Jose De La Torre replaced jockey Carlos Bautista (injured).# 7 Rafting claimed, Tr. H. J. Hernandez.7th Race - # 5 Por Luzr claimed, Tr. R. Viramontes.8th Race - # 4 Voodoo Chilly (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$103.00.# 5 Chicks Bac Now (Tr. H. J. Hernandez) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Carlos Bautista (injured).9th Race - # 4 First Down Leroy (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Oscar Peinado replaced jockey Adrian Loza (injured).(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 948

Off Track Attendance: 2,426

Total: 3,374

On Track Handle: \$133,612

Off Track Handle: \$263,289

Out of State: \$614,742

Total: \$1,011,643

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>
05/21/2009	1	4	Brite Ruler	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Hackathorn	\$231
05/22/2009	4	9	Avenue Twenty Four	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$150
	7	8	Arctic Ocean	F. Gonzalez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$121
	9	9	Pure Bambino	M. Loza	Injured	Hackathorn	\$77
05/23/2009	1	8	Track Majesty	A. Kithchingman	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$24,798
	6	1	Exit Strategy	D. Ekins	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$3,428
	6	2	For All You Do	J. Nunez	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$21,062
	10	1	Oak Creek	C. Hall	Sick	Hackathorn	\$487
	10	8	Dream The Day Away	D. Francisco	Sick	Hackathorn	\$181
05/24/2009	1	4	Halfway There	S. Perez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$371
	2	9	Bugazoom	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$12,337
	8	4	Voodoo Chilly	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$103

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 24, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: six for soundness, eight for injury and four for sickness.

Eight 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 05/21	FRI 05/22	SAT 05/23	SUN 05/24	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	1	2	0	3	16
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	1	0	3	8	244
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	1	2	23
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	1	2	53
REFUNDS		A		1	5	5	4	15	252
RULINGS			Y	0	1	1	1	3	89

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)