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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 11, 2009 through August 16, 2009.

TUESDAY

08/11/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Randy Winick will be on duty this week, attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes during this period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday's scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. sharp, yielding only one declaration.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Nine races were drawn at 12:30 p.m. for Friday night's card, which will consist of eight Quarter Horse contests (five trials) and one Thoroughbred event.

WEDNESDAY

08/12/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. and there were no declarations or changes to the card at this time.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Saturday were completed at 1:00 p.m. with a ten race card composed of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

THURSDAY

08/13/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Saturday was 9:00 a.m. as usual, and there were two rider corrections at that time.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book, California-Bred two year olds for a claiming price of \$5,000 at a distance of 300 yards was called off with only two entries.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Sunday's card were completed at 2:00 p.m. and consisted of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Martin Lomeli was in to review the eighth race from Sunday evening where his mount veered outward after breaking from the gate. Video replay shows Mr. Lomeli grabbing his inside rein to straighten him, but in the opinion of the Stewards, it could have been a jump sooner. Martin agreed and said he would do a better job in upcoming races. This review was considered a warning.

Jockey Cesar De Alba came in to review the sixth race where his mount was disqualified for interference, but in the film review it is clear that his horse ducked from the dirt of the eventual winner crossing in front of him. This incident can be blamed primarily on his horse and not on anything he could have done to prevent it. No penalty was given.

(5) ANGEL TEJEDA RULINGRULING #155

EXERCISE RIDER ANGEL TEJEDA, HAVING SHOWN DOCUMENTATION COMPLETING A NINETY DAY (90) RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED IN RULING #58, DATED APRIL 17, 2009, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards agreed that Angel Tejada produced documentation of completion of an acceptable ninety-day recovery program for his reinstatement. Mr. Tejada is still on a signed testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and on probation through the term of his license until March 31, 2010.

(6) SECURITY VIOLATION NOTICE

Groom Simeon Alvarez was given a Security violation for having an untucked shirt when he arrived at the Receiving Barn on August 9, 2009. The Stewards issued him a warning as this was his first offense but told Mr. Alvarez that it is a Los Alamitos rule to be properly dressed when escorting horses to the Paddock for the races.

(7) RACING

Tonight's program went smoothly without any significant incidents.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Lucille claimed, Tr. J. Clark.

5 Check Him Fast (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$404.00.

2nd Race - # 3 Fire In The Hole claimed, Tr. F. Quintero.

3rd Race - # 3 Mass Moorea claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.

6 Check This Girl claimed, Tr. J. Romo, Jr.

7 Shesnomorningbreeze claimed, Tr. J. Aleman.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,954	On Track Handle:	\$162,587
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,231</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$395,912
Total:	5,185	Out of State:	<u>\$401,856</u>
		Total:	\$960,355

FRIDAY

08/14/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday were taken at 9:00 a.m., resulting in three rider replacements.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Tonight's scheduled California-Bred race for fillies and mares going 300 yards for a claiming price of \$2,500, failed to fill with only two entries.

(3) WHITE HEARING (CASE# 09LA0170)

A tape recorded hearing was conducted to address the above referenced complaint filed against owner Cathy Carol White after California Horse Racing Board investigators received a report of her arrest by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department for allegedly passing narcotics to her husband during a visit to the federal prison in Victorville. Present were the respondent, Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake, and the Board of Stewards. After testimony was heard and the complaint was entered into the record, the Stewards concluded the hearing for deliberation, and a decision will follow in the near future.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Santiago Mendez was in to review film of Thursday's fourth race where he allowed his horse to drift in coming out of the starting gate. The Stewards counseled Mr. Mendez to be more aware of controlling his mounts' direction out of the gate and to make a better effort to keep them straight. Santiago said he would comply.

(5) SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards called for the Inquiry sign to be lit immediately upon completion of the seventh race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) to review the start where #7 "Sheza Bad Habit" (9th – J. Jerman) left the gate very tardily due to whipping its head around just as the starter dispatched the field. Taped replays reveal that nothing happened other than bad luck. The gate operated correctly and the race was declared official as finished.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 1 Hawkins Jet (Tr. J. Godinez) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Jesse Chavis (sick).
2 First Flashin Chico (Tr. S. Sanchez) Stewards – works.
Refund: \$267.00.
- 2nd Race - # 1 Razor Cut (Tr. J. Barnes) veterinarian – unsound in post parade, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$28,461.00.
- # 5 Club Bombay (Tr. L. Ruiz) pulled up lame, vanned off.
- # 6 I Am Madison's (Tr. R. Martinez) veterinarian – lame, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$279.00.
- 5th Race - # 2 Lotsa Boots (Tr. M. Casselman) jockey Rodrigo Aceves replaced jockey Cesar De Alba (sick).
- 7th Race - # 6 Jitter Buds (Tr. C. O'Dell) jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Alex Bautista (sick).
- 8th Race - # 3 Get It Right (Tr. J. Badilla, Jr.) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (sick).
8 Seperate Dasher (Tr. D. Francisco) jockey Santiago Mendez replaced jockey Alex Bautista (sick).
- 9th Race - # 3 Im Royal Quick (Tr. D. Montes) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (sick).

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,150	On Track Handle:	\$169,046
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,788</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$317,913
Total:	3,938	Out of State:	<u>\$741,221</u>
		Total:	\$1,228,180

SATURDAY

08/15/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Saturday, California-Bred maiden two year olds for a claiming price of \$6,250 at 300 yards, attracted only one Cal-Bred but went open with eight additional entrants.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Thursday's draw was conducted at 12:30 p.m. and a program of nine races consisting of six Quarter horse and three Thoroughbred events was assembled.

(3) WHITE RULING (REFER 08/14/09 (3))RULING #156

OWNER CATHY CAROL WHITE IS SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING UNLAWFUL DRUGS, FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - UNLAWFUL DRUGS).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CATHY CAROL WHITE 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 IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued to owner Cathy Carol White after due deliberation of the recorded testimony concerning case #09LA0170 from the previous afternoon.

(4) EVENING RACING PROGRAM

Tonight's racing was incident-free outside of one late scratch due to a horse flipping in the gate as the field loaded for the ninth race.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 6 In Daddy's Honor claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.
 # 7 American Games (Tr. J. De La Torre) jockey Cesar De Alba replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).
- 2nd Race - # 1 Seatac Runway (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Martin Lomeli replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).
 # 3 Dashin By Special claimed, Tr. C. Lopez.
 # 6 Dash To The Oak Tree (Tr. J. Clark) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Dennis Means (transportation).
- 3rd Race - # 5 Warren's Yodler claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.
 # 6 Degreko claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.
 # 7 Bye Now (Tr. D. Francisco) jockey Jay Conklin replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).
 # 7 Bye Now claimed, Tr. M. Perez.
- 4th Race - # 6 Trippys Royal Boy (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).
 # 7 Leaving The Sugar claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.
- 9th Race - # 2 Taken Fire (Tr. R. Dominguez) jockey G. R. Carter replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).
 # 4 Dreaming Royal (Tr. J. De La Torre) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
 Refund: \$5,576.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,405	On Track Handle:	\$159,616
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,628</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$290,847
Total:	4,033	Out of State:	<u>\$666,861</u>
		Total:	\$1,117,144

SUNDAY**08/16/2009 (1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The eighth race in the condition book for Sunday, "The Red Cell California Regional Challenge Trials," failed to fill and was called off.

(2) MEANS RULING**RULING #157**

JOCKEY DENNIS MEANS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009.

The above ruling was issued to jockey Dennis Means for being late arriving to Los Alamitos Race Course, causing him to miss his scheduled mount in the second race. Mr. Means said his plane was late, this was unacceptable to the Stewards as an excuse. It is his responsibility to be on time when he books mounts in two different states on the same day.

(3) FOURTH RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately after the field crossed the finish line of the 300 yard Quarter Horse fourth race to review two separate incidents at the start. The first involved #3 "Got A Feelin" (7th – J. Valadez) who was throwing and whipping his head in the gate as the doors opened, causing him to momentarily stand in the gate and then get off very slowly. The second incident involved #7 "Lion Drive" (DNF – F. Rubio) who stumbled badly one jump out of the gate and unseated his rider (See attached report) who got up quickly and walked off uninjured, as his mount ran off loose behind the field. The review of the taped replay revealed that both horses were responsible for their own demise, therefore the Stewards declared the race official and reported that there was no malfunction in the opening of the starting gate doors.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 6 Jeann D'Arc (Tr. J. Hernandez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$758.00.

2nd Race - # 7 Westmoreland Lucy claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.

4th Race - # 3 Got A Feelin (Tr. C. Hall) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).

6th Race - # 3 Jess Pay The Toll (Tr. C. Joiner) jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).

7th Race - # 1 Ima Quick Runaway (Tr. D. Ekins) Stewards – unsound, jockey request.
Refund: \$10,562.00.

4 Fity Cent (Tr. L. Melton) jockey Alejandro Luna replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).

8th Race - # 1 Pappyscoronalibro (Tr. L. Hernandez) jockey Joel Valadez replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).

4 MBN Finest Hour (Tr. P. Jones) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$136.00.

9th Race - # 5 El General Especial (Tr. G. Morales) jockey Martin Lomeli replaced jockey Alex Bautista (injured).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	893	On Track Handle:	\$109,520
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,383</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$234,929
Total:	3,276	Out of State:	<u>\$558,661</u>
		Total:	\$903,110

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
8/13/2009	1	5	Check Him Fast	J. Flores	Injured	Hackathorn	\$404
8/14/2009	2	1	Razor Cut	J. Barnes	Unsound in post parade	Hackathorn	\$28,461
	2	6	I Am Madison's	R. Martinez	Lame	Hackathorn	\$279
8/15/2009	9	4	Dreaming Royal	J. De La Torre	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$5,576
8/16/2009	1	6	Jeann D'Arc	J. Hernandez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$758
	8	4	MBN Finest Hour	P. Jones	Sick	Hackathorn	\$136

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 16, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: four for soundness, three for injury, one for sickness,
one for medication, one for bleeding, and three for shock wave therapy.

Sixteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 08/13	FRI 08/14	SAT 08/15	SUN 08/16	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	1	1	25
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	5	0	6	1	12	355
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	38
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	2	3	87
REFUNDS		A		1	3	1	3	8	366
RULINGS			Y	1	0	1	1	3	157

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Kim Sawyer (Steward)