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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 25, 2009 through August 30, 2009.

**TUESDAY**

08/25/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Kim Sawyer was available for morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were carded for Friday's program consisting of seven Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races. This action was completed by 12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

08/26/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with no changes.

(2) **THE DRAW**

The card for Saturday was completed at 12:00 p.m. and was comprised of eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

**THURSDAY**

08/27/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

The only modifications for Saturday's program were four jockey corrections.

(2) **THE DRAW**

The draw was conducted at 1:15 p.m. and the card was a combination of six Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races.

(3) **INFORMAL HEARING – CASE# 09LA0187**

This financial complaint filed against trainer Danny Urista by pony rider Juan Bustamonte in the amount of \$1,160 had been reduced to \$760 before the dated hearing. Mr. Urista agreed to pay Mr. Bustamonte the remaining amount before September 9, 2009. The first payment of \$600 will be paid on September 1, 2009 and the rest by September 8, 2009. A financial agreement was signed by both licensees.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Guillermo Suarez along with his interpreter Victor Navarro met with the Stewards to review the second race on Sunday (Quarter Horse – 330 yards). Mr. Suarez was cautioned he needs to make a better effort guiding his mount and staying in his path to the finish. He agreed he could have made a better effort and will do so in the future.

(5) RECORDED HEARING (REFER 08/23/09 (4))

Jockey Dionicio Navarro, Guild Representative Dihigi Gladney and Victor Navarro acting as interpreter for jockey Dionicio, met with the Stewards to review the seventh race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) on Sunday. The films verified that approaching the quarter pole Mr. Navarro did not allow enough clearance while passing the two horses to his inside when his mount changed leads and shifted inward. The horse to his inside clipped his mount's heels, fell and unseated that jockey. Mr. Navarro has just returned from a four day suspension wherein he was sanctioned for that same infraction. The following ruling was issued with hope that he learns he must adjust his riding style, be able to perform better and make a safer environment for all involved. He admitted his culpability and vows to alter his methods.

RULING #164

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO WHO RODE "PRIDE AND CLASS" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009, IS SUSPENDED TWELVE (12) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 10TH, 11TH, 12TH, 13TH, 17TH, 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 2009). FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE APPROACHING THE FAR TURN AND CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO UNPLACED. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

(6) SMOOTH SAILING

The eight race program was performed without a ripple.

(7) LATE DECLARATION

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 4 Whatever Whenever (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, Tr. R. D. Jackson.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 7 First N Stuff (Tr. J. Flores) claimed, Tr. P. C. Jones.

# 8 Talk Easy (Tr. J. Badilla) claimed, Tr. P. C. Jones.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,593	On Track Handle:	\$137,863
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,862</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$374,930
Total:	4,455	Out of State:	<u>\$551,789</u>
		Total:	\$1,064,582

FRIDAY

08/28/2009 (1) CLARK HEARING (CASE #09LA0188)

An informal hearing was conducted concerning a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1662 involving respondent, owner Kirt Clark. Senior Investigator Dennis Drulias represented the California Horse Racing Board.

Mr. Clark, who has been licensed since 1999 with an unblemished record, testified he was guilty of selling his claimed horse before the thirty-day "jail" period had expired. He stated he heard that the claiming rule had been suspended but failed to verify the specifics to the rule change prior to making this uneducated decision to sell the recently claimed horse. Decision to follow.

(2) GONZALEZ HEARING (CASE# 09LA0182)

Owner Victor Gonzalez met with the Stewards involving a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1597. Senior Investigator Tom Blake represented the case and California Horse Racing Board IT Amador Villanueva translated for the respondent. Mr. Gonzalez testified he did sign the racehorse "DSW Rager" in as a pony. He usually travels with his brother-in-law who knows all

the horse's names but was driving alone on this particular day and said he could not remember the name of the horse. He stated he was not trying to hide the true identity of this horse. Decision to follow.

(3) NINTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred soon after the start. Involved were #1 “Eyema Blue Man” (8<sup>th</sup> – R. Ramirez) and #2 “Tricks The Chicks” (6<sup>th</sup> – F. Rubio). The #1 broke outward bumping #2 who after contact makes an over adjustment and drifts inward into #1. The Stewards felt no change was required due to the fact that both horses contributed to the incident.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 3 Sock It To 'Em (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed, Tr. J. Coleman.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Good Morning Mr Zip (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$180.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Classic Sassy Anna (Tr. P. C. Jones) claimed, Tr. B. Hoburg.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Apollos Sensation (S. Perez) Stewards – consultation at gate with Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$3,080.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Royal Heartbreak (Tr. D. Francisco) Stewards – stake.  
Refund: \$130.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,032	On Track Handle:	\$151,852
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,513</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$323,869
Total:	3,545	Out of State:	<u>\$719,000</u>
		Total:	\$1,194,721

**SATURDAY**

08/29/2009

(1) THE DRAW

The eight race program for Thursday was drawn at 1:30 p.m. with a combination of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

(2) GONZALEZ RULING (REFER 08/29/09 (3))

RULING #165

OWNER VICTOR GONZALEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1597 (ASSOCIATION TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF HORSES ON ITS GROUNDS) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS-FALSIFICATION OF ARRIVAL SLIP).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Gonzalez was informed of the adjudicated decision.

(3) CLARK RULING (REFER 08/29/09 (1))

RULING #166

OWNER KIRT CLARK IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1662 (SALE OR TRANSFER OF A CLAIMED HORSE).

After taking into consideration mitigating circumstances pertaining to this case, this ruling was posted after Mr. Clark was informed of his penalty.

(4) NAVARRO RULING

RULING #167

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION

OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

This ruling was issued after an informal setting with the Captain of Security Rick Castaneda and jockey Dionicio Navarro pertaining to a Security violation for disorderly conduct in the Stable Area. Mr. Navarro admitted his demeanor with another licensee was unacceptable.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ramon Sanchez joined the Stewards to review a race after which he was cautioned to make the proper corrections in the future when his mounts drift off their path.

(6) ROUTINE EVENING

Saturday's racing program went off without a hitch.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 3 Wager The Farm (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) jockey Jay Conklin replaced jockey Ramon Guce (sick).  
# 4 Michael's Notes (Tr. R. Hess, Jr.) claimed, Tr. E. January.  
# 5 El Machino (Tr. J. Lopez) veterinarian – unsound post parade, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$17,228.00.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 2 Steve's Way (Tr. J. Nunez) Stewards – consultation with track veterinarian (horse coughing).  
Refund: \$6,355.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Pink Boots RM (Tr. J. L. Cooper) claimed by Tr. V. Farris.  
# 7 Beverly Hills Babe (Tr. C. Gonzalez) jockey Eduardo Nicasio replaced jockey Juan Andrade (transportation).
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Fleetest (Tr. B. Bowman) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.  
# 2 Broad Picture (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Haleys Cartel (Tr. J. Aleman) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$232.00.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Minisbro (Tr. C. O'Dell) jockey Cody Jensen replaced jockey Juan Andrade (transportation).
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Karats For Kim (Tr. S. Sanchez) claimed by Tr. L. Hernandez.  
# 8 Harold Lebrock (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,224	On Track Handle:	\$177,442
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2482</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$337,410
Total:	3,706	Out of State:	<u>\$795,484</u>
		Total:	\$1,310,336

**SUNDAY**

08/30/2009

(1) MONRREAL RULING

RULING #168

OWNER ERICA MONRREAL, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 29, 2009, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 09LA0185, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - METHAMPHETAMINE/ DRUG PARAPHENALIA) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ERICA MONRREAL 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).

This ruling was issued after Ms. Monrreal failed to appear for the set hearing.

(2) ANDRADE RULING

RULING #169

JOCKEY JUAN P. ANDRADE IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009.

The above ruling was posted after jockey Andrade explained his failure to fulfill his riding engagement. He stated he missed his flight out of Sacramento, then opted to rent a car to travel south and in the process received a speeding ticket. At this point Mr. Andrade felt certain he would not arrive in time to participate at Los Alamitos. After a phone call informing the Stewards he was removed from his assigned mounts.

(3) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident nearing the finish line. Involved were #4 “Smashing Waves” (4<sup>th</sup> – DH – J. Valadez) and #5 “Lass Eysa” (3<sup>rd</sup> – J. Conklin). After a review of the films it was a unanimous decision to disqualify #5 from third and placed behind #4 (dead heated with #2) for drifting in and causing the latter to check and be denied an opportunity for a better placing.

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

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

(4) CAL-BRED REPORT

The four Cal-Bred races offered for this reporting week failed to fill.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 The Blue Thriller (Tr. C. Treece) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (sick).

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Nicolina U (Tr. D. Fama) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$401.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Dustem All (Tr. M. Rodriguez) claimed by Tr. P. C. Jones.  
# 5 Valley Girl (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. J. De La Torre.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 American Sister (Tr. J. Nunez) Stewards – untreated medication.  
Refund: \$152.00.

# 2 Maker's Mud (Tr. J. Nunez) Stewards – untreated medication.  
Refund: \$481.00.  
NO SHOW WAGERING

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Irenes Choice (Tr. F. Quintero) claimed by Tr. J. Aleman.

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Fity Cent (Tr. L. Melton) claimed by Tr. J. Aleman.

# 5 Sterling Cartel (Tr. J. De La Torre) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (sick).

# 6 I See Trouble Coming (Tr. J. L. Cooper) claimed by Tr. J. Nunez.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 980  
Off Track Attendance: 2,000  
Total: 2,980

On Track Handle: \$143,804  
Off Track Handle: \$272,568  
Out of State: \$635,171  
Total: \$1,051,543

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
8/28/2009	4	2	Good Morning Mr Zip	F. Quintero	Injured	Hackathorn	\$180
8/29/2009	1	5	El Machino	J. Lopez	Unsound post parade	Hackathorn	\$17,228
	7	1	Haleys Cartel	J. Aleman	Sick	Hackathorn	\$232
8/30/2009	5	3	Nicolina U	D. Fama	Injured	Hackathorn	\$401

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 31, 2009.

One equine death was 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, two for injury, two for sickness,  
two for medication, two for bleeding, and two for shock wave therapy.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Kim Sawyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 08/27	FRI 08/28	SAT 08/29	SUN 08/30	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	27
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	2	2	5	5	14	380
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	1	1	42
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	1	2	92
REFUNDS		A		0	3	3	3	9	388
RULINGS			Y	1	0	3	2	6	169

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

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)