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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 1, 2009 through September 6, 2009.

TUESDAY

09/01/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will be on duty to oversee morning office matters as well as record the minutes of this week's activities.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

There were no declarations or adjustments of any kind at the 9:00 a.m. designated scratch time.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Nine races were drawn at 12:15 p.m. for Friday evening, consisting of one Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse events.

WEDNESDAY

09/02/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time proceeded at 9:00 a.m. sharp with only one equipment and one rider change taking place.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's entries were drawn at 12:30 p.m. with a nine race program consisting of one Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse contests.

THURSDAY

09/03/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratches for Saturday were held at 9:00 a.m. and produced only one rider change.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race for Thursday, California-Bred two year olds for a claiming price of \$10,000 at 350 yards, went open with six total entries, only one of which was Cal-Bred.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The entries for Sunday did not close until 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening due to a difficulty in filling a representative card. The eight race program consists of one Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Jay Conklin and Adrian Loza were in to review the first race from Sunday, August 30th. Jockey Conklin's mount was disqualified from third to fifth for lugging inward and causing interference. It was determined in this review that the blame could be mostly put on his mount who was lugging in and traveling somewhat roughly. Mr. Loza was counseled to make a better effort to straighten his mount who was drifting out through the stretch.

Jockey Joel Valadez was in for a review of his ride in Sunday's ninth race where his mount was drifting out through the stretch. Joel was told to make a better effort in keeping his horses straight, to which he agreed and would do in the future.

(5) APPRENTICE ASKS FOR EXTENSION

Apprentice jockey Cheryl Charlton came in to see the Stewards to ask for an extension on her apprenticeship which is expiring on September 22, 2009, one year from her fifth winning ride, or if she does not win her fortieth race by that time, the date of that ride if it is later. The request is for the amount of days she missed riding due to two separate instances of injury. Ms. Charlton produced documented evidence of these injuries along with doctor's reports. The Stewards will take into consideration all factors and arrive at a decision in the near future.

(6) RIDER UP BEFORE WIRE

Just as the horses were approaching the finish of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the rider of #3 "Aunt Jo Ann" (5th – Alex Bautista) stood up early on his mount, possibly costing him fourth place as he was beaten only by a head. The Stewards asked for Mr. Bautista to call them to give an explanation. Alex stated that his horse was going sore late in the race and thought it was the best action to take and not risk any injury. The Stewards called for the horse to go to the Receiving Barn and be evaluated by State Veterinarian Dr. Beck, who reported that she was sore and placed her on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards felt that no penalty was warranted for Mr. Bautista but warned him to be careful and not get in a habit of raising up early.

(7) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards called for the Inquiry sign to be lit upon the completion of the sixth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) to look at an incident approaching the 3/16 pole, where #2 "Zendon" (3rd – D. Gladney) was lugging out into #4 "Siberian Touch" (4th – R. Guce), causing him to go out into and over the heels of #6 "Midnight Excess" (2nd – E. Gomez). After talking to the riders involved and viewing the replays several times, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 from third to fourth place for causing interference and costing #4 the opportunity at a better placing.

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

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

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race - # 5 Fishin Party claimed, Tr. F. Quintero.
- 3rd Race - # 4 St. Rosalind (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$706.00.
- 4th Race - # 7 Rascaled (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$767.00.
- 5th Race - # 4 Hot On The Trail (Tr. V. Farris) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$382.00.
- 6th Race - # 1 Drawing Plans (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – unsound in post parade, Dr.
Refund: \$12,762.00 Hackathorn.
- 8th Race - # 1 Righteous Rich (Tr. J. Enriquez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$822.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,152	On Track Handle:	\$120,821
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,583</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$439,946
Total:	3,735	Out of State:	<u>\$485,777</u>
		Total:	\$1,046,544

FRIDAY

09/04/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday's races and there were only two rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Friday's seventh race in the book for California-Bred three year olds for a claiming price of \$12,500 at a distance of 350 yards, failed to fill and was called off with only two entries.

(3) FARRIS HEARING (CASE# 09LA0191)

The above referenced scheduled hearing for trainer Vod Farris concerning an overage of Phenylbutazone was canceled after it was learned that a split sample was submitted and that the result had not yet been returned from the laboratory. This hearing will be rescheduled at a later date.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was in to review the film from Sunday night's ninth race where his mount was drifting inward at the mid-stretch mark of the 300 yard Quarter Horse race. Eduardo explained that he did stop whipping when he noticed the drift, but when he grabbed the outside rein it was slick and slipping, which prevented him from straightening the horse sooner than he might have. The Stewards counseled him to be quicker reacting in the future, to which he said he would.

Jockey Dihigi Gladney came in to review Thursday evening's sixth race where his mount was disqualified from third to fourth place for lugging out going into the turn and interfering with a horse to his outside, costing that one an opportunity at a better placing. The Stewards did think that Mr. Gladney's horse was greatly responsible for his own problems and that he did make an effort to correct his getting out, but told him to concentrate more with the inside rein and less with the right-handed whip. Dihigi agreed and no sanction was deemed necessary.

(5) CHARLTON RULINGRULING #171

APPRENTICE JOCKEY CHERYL CHARLTON, HAVING SUPPLIED MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY HER REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO HER APPRENTICE JOCKEY'S LICENSE, IS GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE DAYS. CHERYL CHARLTON'S APPRENTICESHIP SHALL TERMINATE ON JANUARY 21, 2010 AT MIDNIGHT.

The above ruling was issued to apprentice jockey Cheryl Charlton after the deliberation of materials brought to the Stewards by Ms. Charlton (refer 09/03/09 (5)) in support of her request to extend the length of her apprenticeship due to her being injured and losing riding days entitled to her.

(6) NUNEZ RULINGRULING #172

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION - TWO HORSES) ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009.

The above ruling was issued to trainer Jesus Nunez as a result of two late scratches Sunday evening in the seventh race due to his neglecting to have those horses treated with lasix.

(7) RACING PROGRAM

The only thing keeping this evening from being problem-free was a late scratch being necessitated in the third race when #1 was fractious in the gate and injured himself.

(8) DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS AND CHANGES

1st Race - # 3 Proud Of My Curls claimed, Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.

- 2nd Race - # 7 Little Stormer (Tr. S. Willoughby) Stewards – loose, ran off.
Refund: \$1,414.00.
- 3rd Race - # 1 Catch Champ (Tr. H. Sanchez) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$12,055.00.
- # 2 Count On Eds Picks claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.
- # 4 Perezboots (Tr. G. Morales) Stewards – entered back.
Refund: \$255.00.
- # 9 Free Expert (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards – entered back.
Refund: \$380.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,066	On Track Handle:	\$145,272
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,963</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$326,317
Total:	4,029	Out of State:	<u>\$806,136</u>
		Total:	\$1,277,725

SATURDAY

09/05/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book for California-Bred maidens, three years old and upward at 350 yards, failed to fill with only one entry and was called off.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Thursday's draw was conducted at 1:00 p.m. with a program of eight races consisting of six Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

(3) SIERRA HEARING (CASE# 09LA0169)

Trainer Cirilo Sierra appeared for a formal hearing to address California Horse Racing Board case #09LA0169. The case alleges that his horse "Dixies Mystery" (1st place – July 11, 2009) had the Class III prohibited drug substance "gabapentin" in his urine sample as reported by the UC Davis Laboratory. Mr. Sierra appeared in person along with his brother Javier acting as an interpreter, who is also the horse's owner. Cirilo waived his right to an attorney and was sworn in by Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein. Also present were the Board of Stewards, Kim Sawyer, Albert Christiansen, and Randy Winick, Senior Investigator Dennis Drulias, along with Supervising Investigator Ken Lady. Investigator Drulias presented the case and Mr. Sierra testified in his defense, which was primarily based on his innocence and that there was a possibility of a third party contamination by other stable personnel or a disgruntled former owner and trainer. Exhibits were entered into the record and the hearing was closed for deliberation. A decision will be forthcoming in the near future.

(4) FLORES RULINGRULING #173

TRAINER JOSE FLORES IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER - FAILURE TO SADDLE) ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009.

The above ruling was issued to trainer Jose Flores for failing to notify the Paddock Judge or Stewards that he would not be present to saddle his horse on Friday evening or have a suitable substitute trainer.

(5) DELAY – EIGHTH RACE

Just as the last horse, #8 "Igreedyucziseartist" (F. Rubio) was loading in the gate, he broke through the stall doors and knocked down the assistant starter, who fell to the ground. After getting up and collecting himself, the assistant starter appeared uninjured. The horse was quickly reloaded as the rest of the field awaited and the field was quickly dispatched. This entire episode took just a brief few minutes.

(6) ELEVATOR MALFUNCTION – STEWARDS STUCK

Shortly after the last race for the evening was official, the Stewards and placing judges were on the Press Box elevator about to go home for the night, when the descent was suddenly interrupted by a mechanical breakdown of the ancient lift. After a brief minute or two of joking, the six stranded passengers realized that this was a serious situation and became proactive. Several cell phones were produced and frantic fingers began tapping away at various numbers. Security Chief Rick Castaneda was eventually contacted and the rescue plan went into action. The track electrician and elevator company were summoned along with the Los Alamitos Fire Department on standby if needed. After a long sweaty hour and a half, the elevator company repair team dislodged the stuffy, airless old metal coffin and the Stewards and placing judges were freed to dispense justice for another day.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 1 Afleet River claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.
5 Estrellon (Tr. J. Cortez) Stewards – transportation.
Refund: \$565.00.
- 2nd Race - # 2 Swiftest King (Tr. R. Viramontes) Stewards – jockey request, unsound.
Refund: \$2,486.00.
- 5th Race - # 2 Good Hearted claimed, Tr. R. Dominguez.
7 Jazzy And Quick (Tr. S. Willoughby) Stewards – entered back.
Refund: \$539.00.
- 7th Race - # 1 Rocknchic (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$429.00.
- 9th Race - # 2 Shesnomorningbreeze claimed, Tr. P. Jones.
3 Yak Itys Zooming claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	999	On Track Handle:	\$125,465
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,563</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$299,972
Total:	3,562	Out of State:	<u>\$651,196</u>
		Total:	\$1,076,663

SUNDAY

09/06/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for California-Bred maiden two year olds for a claiming price of \$12,500 at 300 yards failed to fill with two and was thereby called off.

(2) RACING PROGRAM

Tonight's card was conducted without incident.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 6 Light Up My Heart (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$551.00.
- 2nd Race - # 2 Snitchin (Tr. E. Navarro) jockey Eulices Gomez replaced jockey Joel Valadez (disputed call).
- 3rd Race - # 1 Kid Coca claimed, Tr. J. Badilla, Jr.
- 5th Race - # 2 Bertrandos Freedom (Tr. H. Ho) jockey Dihigi Gladney replaced Emily Mode, no call.

- 6th Race - # 6 Bambas Chick claimed, Tr. J. Aleman.
- 7th Race - # 5 Concrete Charlie (Tr. C. D. Gonzalez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$334.00.
- 8th Race - # 1 Fire Expert (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards – jockey request.
Refund: \$14,812.00.
- # 5 Sawmill Dasher claimed, Tr. J. Flores.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	928	On Track Handle:	\$109,846
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,339</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$267,038
Total:	3,267	Out of State:	<u>\$581,963</u>
		Total:	<u>\$958,847</u>

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>
9/3/2009	3	4	St. Rosalind	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Beck	\$706
	4	7	Rascaled	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$767
	5	4	Hot On The Trail	V. Farris	Injured	Beck	\$382
	6	1	Drawing Plans	K. Craigmyle	Unsound in post parade	Hackathorn	\$12,762
	8	1	Righteous Rich	J. Enriquez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$822
9/4/2009	3	1	Catch Champ	H. Sanchez	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$12,055
9/5/2009	7	1	Rocknchic	B. Schvaneveldt	Injured	Hackathorn	\$429
9/6/2009	1	6	Light Up My Heart	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Hackathorn	\$551
	7	5	Concrete Charlie	C. D. Gonzalez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$334

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 6, 2009.

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

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

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

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

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 09/03	FRI 09/04	SAT 09/05	SUN 09/06	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	4	3	11	391
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	0	0	0	1	43
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	0	1	93
REFUNDS		A		5	4	4	3	16	404
RULINGS			Y	1	2	1	0	4	173

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)