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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 6, 2009 through October 11, 2009.

TUESDAY

10/06/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning activities and shall author the week's minutes.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Three rider changes made up scratch time completed at 9:00 a.m.

(3) **STEWARDS' MEETING**

After scratch time, Stewards Dreyer and Christiansen left to attend a Stewards' meeting at Santa Anita.

(4) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Friday's program. One Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races complete the card.

WEDNESDAY

10/07/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Saturday's program. Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races make up the card.

THURSDAY

10/08/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change and one scratch completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Sunday's program. Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races complete the card.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for fillies three years old, claiming price \$10,000, going three hundred and thirty yards, failed to fill.

(4) BAUTISTA RULING

RULING #195

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009.

This ruling was issued after jockey Bautista missed his first two mounts on Sunday. The rider's agent stated he made flight arrangements based on a later post time.

(5) HOBURG RULING

RULING #196

TRAINER BILL HOBURG WHO WORKED THE HORSE "HONOR ME GOOD" IN ORDER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2009 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE'S #1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST) AND #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE'S # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (C)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL - 8.44 UG/ML - CLASS IV).

Trainer Hoburg appeared and agreed to an informal hearing. The trainer stated his daughter fed the horse bute the night before the work. Hoburg had not told his daughter the horse was working for the vet the next morning. Mr. Hoburg was upset from the beginning, stating he had not received notification of the positive within 22 days of the race. Documentation establishes he received notification well within the 21-day requirement.

(6) JONES RULING

RULING #197

TRAINER PAUL JONES WHO WORKED THE HORSE "JITTER DONE" IN ORDER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE'S #1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST) AND #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE'S # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (C)(2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL - 2,400 NG/ML - CLASS IV).

This ruling was agreed upon after trainer Jones agreed to an informal hearing. The complaint involved a positive test for Banamine at a level of 2,400 nanograms. The horse was working to be removed from the vet's list. The trainer stated he works most of his horses on lasix and Banamine administered by the stable vet the morning of the work. Mr. Jones further explained he forgot to tell his foreman that the horse involved was working for the vet. In mitigation the Stewards took into consideration the trainer's excellent medication record and the large number of horses he runs.

(7) GOOD RACING

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 6 Sargeant Rambo (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$804.00.

7th Race - # 1 Lips On Fire (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$390.00.

2 Tony Bolony (Tr. M. Rodriguez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,033.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	571	On Track Handle:	\$97,687
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,456</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$237,286
Total:	3,027	Out of State:	<u>\$384,646</u>
		Total:	\$719,619

FRIDAY

10/09/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Three rider changes completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book for maidens, two years old, going 300 yards, was called off with one entry.

(3) INFORMAL HEARING

Trainer Bret Vickery appeared to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #09LA0217. The case involves alleged violation of the paper registration of a bleeder. The trainer testified the horse ran in Utah on lasix three times and a certificate should be on the horse papers. However, the horse has been shipped back to Utah and the Stewards are trying to locate the papers. The case is on hold pending the finding of the horse papers.

(4) RIDER REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Guillermo Suarez appeared to review the third race from last night with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to react quicker in correcting an errant horse.

(5) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fifth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Replays verify that at the break, #3 “Fair And Two” (jockey Julio De La Torre), throws her head and refuses to break. As the gate opened properly, the horse was declared a starter.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 1 Outta My System (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$280.00.

9th Race - # 4 Bambas Chick (Tr. J. Aleman) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$138.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	884	On Track Handle:	\$121,753
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,581</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$251,832
Total:	3,465	Out of State:	<u>\$697,507</u>
		Total:	\$1,071,092

SATURDAY

10/10/2009

(1) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for next Thursday's program. One Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races complete the card.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for three and four year olds, claiming price \$2,500, going 330 yards, failed to attract an entry.

(3) VICKERY RULING (REFER 10/09/09 (3))

RULING #198

TRAINER BRET VICKERY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1845 (A) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION - HORSE NOT REGISTERED AT TIME OF ENTRY) ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.

This ruling was issued after reviewing the facts from yesterday's informal hearing. A horse from another state, who has been racing on lasix, must register as a bleeder in California before entry in a race. Mr. Vickery assumed because the horse in question ran on lasix in Utah everything was okay.

(4) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was conducted to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #09LA0191. The case involved alleged violation of the authorized medication Phenylbutazone in excess of the permitted level. At the hearing were the respondent trainer Vod Farris, owner/groom Jennifer Shaw, Senior Investigator Tom Blake, who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, the Board of Stewards and Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein, who recorded the proceedings. Trainer Farris waived his right to an attorney and indicated he was ready to proceed. UC Davis Laboratories reported Phenylbutazone of 17.23 ug/mL and the split sample from Industrial Laboratories, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, reported a mean concentration of 10.4 ug/mL. Mr. Farris argued that the case should be dismissed due to the large difference in the two tests. After argument, marking of exhibits and closing statements, the hearing was concluded. Decision to follow.

(5) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Involved were the second place finisher #8 “Loved Her First” (jockey Carlos Huerta) and the fifth place filly #7 “Now You Comeat Noon” (jockey Alex Bautista). After reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #8 from second position and place her fifth, behind #7, for interference shortly after the start. Replays show #8 drift in after the break, into the path of #7, causing the latter to take up sharply and lose the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – (8) – 4 – 6 – 7

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 4 – 6 – 7 – (8)

(6) DELAY

As the horses were being loaded for the ninth race, the Stewards noticed the gate at 300 yards. The starter was immediately notified the race was 330 yards. It took about four minutes to move the gate to 330 yards.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 4 Got A Feelin (Tr. C. Hall) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$325.00.

7 Miracle On Bell Ave (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$219.00.

7th Race - # 2 Lily La Rosa (Tr. A. Farias) ran off, Stewards.
Refund: \$5,745.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,419	On Track Handle:	\$139,210
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,663</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$261,887
Total:	4,082	Out of State:	<u>\$650,444</u>
		Total:	\$1,051,541

SUNDAY

10/11/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book for two year olds, claiming price \$20,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(2) FARRIS RULING (REFER 10/10/09 (4))

RULING #199

TRAINER VOD FARRIS WHO STARTED THE HORSE "KISKATINAW" IN THE FIRST RACE ON AUGUST 7, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* 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) AND # 1844 (c-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 10.40 UG/ML – CLASS IV - SECOND OFFENSE).

This ruling was agreed upon after deliberating the facts from yesterday's formal hearing. The trainer has a good medication record and the drug involved is an authorized medication. The horse won as the favorite and testimony establishes the trainer took reasonable steps to safeguard the horse. All these realities led the Stewards to believe the minimum fine was appropriate.

(3) BAKER RULING (REFER 10/10/09 (6))

RULING #200

STARTER JOHNNY RAY BAKER IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - FAILURE TO SET STARTING GATE AT PROPER DISTANCE).

This ruling was issued after starter Baker appeared as requested. Mr. Baker offered little in explaining the reasons for the gate being set at the wrong distance. This author has noticed, over the years, that things like this occur in the first or last race of the day. The starter mentioned that he was so involved in the previous race (the "Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos Invitational Championship") he had a let down and was not paying the usual attention in placing the gate for the last race of the evening.

(4) GOOD RACING

Nine races were completed without a further reportable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 2 Prince Windy (Tr. F. Jimenez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$197.00.

6th Race - # 1 Julia M (Tr. K. Craigmyle) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,218.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	677	On Track Handle:	\$103,423
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,323</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$241,917
Total:	3,000	Out of State:	<u>\$556,608</u>
		Total:	\$901,948

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>
10/8/2009	2	6	Sargeant Rambo	J. Romo, Jr.	Sick	Hackathorn	\$804
	7	1	Lips On Fire	P. Jones	Injured	Hackathorn	\$390
	7	2	Tony Bolony	M. Rodriguez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$1,033
10/9/2009	1	1	Outta My System	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$280
	9	4	Bambas Chick	J. Aleman	Sick	Hackathorn	\$138
10/10/2009	2	4	Got A Feelin	C. Hall	Sick	Hackathorn	\$325
	2	7	Miracle On Bell Ave	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$219
10/11/2009	1	2	Prince Windy	F. Jimenez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$197
	6	1	Julia M	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Beck	\$1,218

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 15, 2009.

One equine death was 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, four for injury, and eight for sickness.

Sixteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Albert Christiansen.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 10/08	FRI 10/09	SAT 10/10	SUN 10/11	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	27
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	1	1	3	1	6	433
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	1	0	1	46
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	1	0	2	100
REFUNDS		A		3	2	3	2	10	455
RULINGS			Y	3	0	1	2	6	200

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

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)