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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 27, 2010 through August 1, 2010.

**TUESDAY**

07/27/2010 (1) DUTY STEWARD

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning duties and shall pen the week's minutes.

(2) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn for Friday's program. Three Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races make up the card.

**WEDNESDAY**

07/28/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) THE DRAW

Eleven races were drawn for Saturday's program. All races consist of California-bred Championship Stakes events.

**THURSDAY**

07/29/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn for Sunday's program. Two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races make up the card.

**FRIDAY**

07/30/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$2,500, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(3) NAVARRO RULING (REFER 07/19/10 (4))

RULING #76

JOCKEY AGENT LESLIE L. NAVARRO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE ENTRY DAYS (AUGUST 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH, 2010) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1581.1 (ENTRIES - UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY) ON MAY 6, 2010. DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF LESLIE L. NAVARRO 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 two weeks of deliberation. The rule involved, California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries) is very specific in that only an authorized person can enter a horse. Ms. Navarro testified she received a call from an owner, assuming it was the owner of "Speedy Sis" and three other horses. The owner and trainer testified they did not authorize Ms. Navarro to enter the horse. The Stewards are unaware of a similar situation. The penalty seemed appropriate to this Board of Stewards.

(4) FINANCIAL SETTLED

Trainer Juan Romo appeared to address a financial complaint made by groom Nick Mena. The groom alleged that Romo owed him \$930. After much discussion Mr. Mena settled for \$550.

(5) ESQUIVEL RULING SET ASIDE

RULING #77

IN THE MATTER OF: LUIS ESQUIVEL

EXERCISE RIDER LUIS ESQUIVEL, HAVING SHOWN DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLETING AN ACCEPTABLE RECOVERY PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AS DESIGNATED IN RULING #44, DATED MAY 7, 2010, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING AND SAID RULING IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Esquivel appeared showing proof of a program acceptable to the Stewards. Chaplain Aureo Bermeo vouched for the exercise rider.

(6) TAPIA RULING

RULING #78

APPRENTICE JOCKEY GENARO TAPIA, HAVING SUPPLIED MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY HIS REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO HIS APPRENTICE JOCKEY'S LICENSE, IS GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF FORTY-SIX DAYS. GENARO TAPIA'S APPRENTICESHIP SHALL TERMINATE ON OCTOBER 5, 2010 AT MIDNIGHT.

This ruling was issued after jockey agent Frank Quesada and apprentice jockey Genaro Tapia appeared to request an apprentice extension. The rider produced documentation verifying when he was injured and when the doctor issued a release. The total number of days involved was forty-six (46).

(7) QUIET EVENING

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Creston Goer (Tr. C. De Jesus Gonzalez) re-enter, Stewards. Refund: \$138.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,076	On Track Handle:	\$151,186.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,657</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$352,411.70
Total:	3,733	Out of State:	<u>\$867,411.22</u>
		Total:	\$1,371,009.72

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$411,206

**SATURDAY**

07/31/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

Eleven Cal-Bred stake races made up the entire card on this California Breeders Champions Night.

(2) NICASIO RULING

RULING #79

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO WHO RODE "CHECKOUTTHISTIME" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH, 2010) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES - CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued after jockey Nicasio appeared, accompanied by valet/interpreter Pepe Magana to review last Sunday's third race with the Stewards. After a thorough review of the race, the Stewards were of the opinion the rider got careless when his horse slammed into a rival inside of him.

(3) INFORMAL HEARING

An informal hearing was agreed upon to address California Horse Racing Board case #10LA0169. The case involves an alleged violation by trainer Mark Skeen to properly register a bleeder. At the hearing Assistant Trainer Holly Skeen represented her husband Mark Skeen, Senior Supervising Investigator Ken Lady represented the California Horse Racing Board, Dr. Robert Guillen appeared as a witness and Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck was also a witness. After hearing the witnesses and the principal testimony the hearing was adjourned. A decision to follow.

(4) ANOTHER INFORMAL HEARING

Trainer Ugo De La Torre appeared to address another alleged failure to properly register a bleeder. Mr. De La Torre waived his right to an attorney and represented himself, Senior Supervising Investigator Ken Lady presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board and Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck appeared as a witness. Trainer De La Torre testified that he had registered the horse in question a couple of months ago. However, the horse's name was spelled wrong. The trainer at this point assumed the horse was a registered bleeder. A decision to follow.

(5) JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Carlos Huerta, accompanied by valet Pepe Magana, appeared to review last night's fourth race. The rider was cautioned to react quicker to correct an errant horse.

(6) TRAINER'S OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the third race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) the Stewards posted the Objection sign at the request of trainer Eloy Navarro who ran the ninth place finisher #6 "Butterfly Kisses" (jockey Joel Cruz). Mr. Navarro alleged interference, shortly after the start, by the third place finisher #7 "Whatta Knockout" (jockey Eddie Garcia). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #7 crossover in front of #6 while well clear.

(7) LATE DECLARATION

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Fullforceahead (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$391.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,418	On Track Handle:	\$281,756.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,893</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$416,229.60
Total:	5,311	Out of State:	<u>\$1,007,148.38</u>
		Total:	\$1,705,134.88

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$474,819

**SUNDAY**

08/01/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for maidens, two years old, claiming price \$4,000, going 330 yards, failed to fill.

(2) JOSE DE LA TORRE RULING (REFER 07/16/10 (4))

RULING #80

OWNER/ TRAINER JOSE M. DE LA TORRE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "LUZOOM" ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS FINED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000)\* AND SUSPENDED SIXTY (60) DAYS (AUGUST 5, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2010) 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 (E-9 & F) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - CLENBUTEROL IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS - CLASS III).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JOSE M. DE LA TORRE 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 agreed upon after over two weeks of deliberation. Mr. De La Torre was informed of the ruling and a "Statement of Decision" was sent to the appropriate parties.

(3) GALVAN RULING

RULING #81

GROOM LUIS GALVAN IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - UNLICENSED VISITORS).

This ruling was issued after the groom admitted bringing in visitors in his pickup truck. He was unaware he had to sign in the people.

(4) SKEEN RULING (REFER 07/31/10 (3))

RULING #82

TRAINER MARK V. SKEEN 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) AND # 1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER) ON JUNE 23, 2010.

This decision was noticed to Holly Skeen after yesterday's hearing. Although there was some confusion in the case, the fact is the horse was not properly registered a bleeder.

(5) UGO DE LA TORRE RULING (REFER 07/31/10 (4))

RULING #83

TRAINER UGO DE LA TORRE 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) AND # 1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER) ON JUNE 24, 2010.

Again, the bottom line is the horse in question was not a properly registered bleeder. It appears that the trainer misspelled the horse's name and the computer in the Receiving Barn failed to accept it.

**(6) 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 third place finisher #8 “Ma Knee For Manny” (jockey Adrian Loza) and the last place mare #5 “Ms Merri Hawk” (jockey Rodrigo Aceves). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #8 for interference at the start. Replays show #8 break sharply in at the start, interfering with the two horses inside of him. #5 was completely eliminated.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – (8) – 4 – 6 – 2 – 5  
Official Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 4 – 6 – 2 – 5 – (8)

**(7) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the finish of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards). At issue was an observed collision between the fourth place finisher #5 “Chivato Blues” (jockey Alex Bautista) and the fifth place filly #6 “Hotitude” (jockey Rodrigo Aceves) nearing the wire. After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #5 from fourth and place him fifth, behind #6, for interference about thirty yards from the finish. Replays show #5, lugging out, suddenly veer out, slamming into #6, almost knocking jockey Aceves out of the saddle.

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

**(8) LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 4 Bellestra (Tr. C. O'Dell) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$8,810.00.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Sgt. Turner (Tr. M. Hill) no acceptable rider, Stewards.  
Refund: \$613.00.
- # 6 Arm Chair QB (Tr. J. Hanson) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$442.00.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Clear Blue Sea (Tr. F. Quintero) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$1,106.00.

**(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	890	On Track Handle:	\$148,651.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,405</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$293,087.80
Total:	3,295	Out of State:	<u>\$740,632.31</u>
		Total:	<u>\$1,182,372.01</u>

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$397,461

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
7/31/2010	4	7	Fullforceahead	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$391
8/1/2010	2	4	Bellestra	C. O'Dell	Injured	Hackathorn	\$8,810
		3	Arm Chair QB	J. Hanson	Sick	Hackathorn	\$442
		4	Clear Blue Sea	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,106

## **TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 6, 2010.

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

During this reporting period no horses were added to the Veterinarian's List.

Five 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	FRI 07/30	SAT 07/31	SUN 08/01	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	24
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	11	0	11	21
CLAIMS			R	1	6	4	11	385
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	2	2	32
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	2	3	69
REFUNDS		A		1	1	4	6	257
RULINGS			Y	3	1	4	8	83

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

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Ruben Moreno (Steward)