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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 23, 2011 through August 28, 2011.

TUESDAY

08/23/2011

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Randy Winick will be the Steward on duty, attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes of this week's activities. Steward George Slender filled in for Randy on this day, as Mr. Winick attended the "Fatality Investigation Meeting" at U.C. Davis.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The ten race program for Friday evening was drawn at 12:30 p.m. and will consist of nine Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred contest.

WEDNESDAY

08/24/2011

(1) SCRATCHES

At today's 9:00 a.m. scratch deadline, only two rider substitutions were requested.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Saturday commenced at 12:00 noon and the resulting ten race card will be composed entirely of Quarter Horse events.

THURSDAY

08/25/2011

(1) SCRATCHES

Requests for scratches and changes for Saturday were completed at 9:00 a.m. and the resulting card will have one declaration and three rider adjustments.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Sunday commenced at 11:45 a.m. and the resulting ten race card will be compiled from eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred events.

FRIDAY

08/26/2011

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The 9:00 a.m. deadline for scratches and changes resulted in two rider changes and one equipment adjustment.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book for California-bred maiden two year olds going 300 yards for a claiming price of \$10,000 went open with ten entrants, five of which are CAL-BREDS.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Leonardo Gonzalez appeared as requested to review the tenth race from the previous Sunday. In this race Leonardo's mount finished first and was disqualified and placed last for interference out of the starting gate. Leonardo stated he tried his best to straighten up and pull on his right rein but was somewhat knocked off balance when the horse broke sharply inward. The Stewards thought this was somewhat plausible and voted for no suspension, however Mr. Gonzalez was instructed to reach and grab a wayward horse as quick as he can.

(4) NICASIO RULINGRULING #166

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-2) (USE OF WHIPS - WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011.

The above ruling was issued to jockey Eduardo Nicasio for striking his mount in the post parade with the whip twice on Friday, August 19, 2011, in the third race. Mr. Nicasio stated that the pony was laying on his horse, which was not the way the Stewards saw it on the night in question and that it was not a valid reason anyway.

(5) CHRISTENSEN COMPLAINT (CASE #11LA0209)

The above financial complaint was dismissed when the complainant, trainer Jesus Nunez, failed to appear in the Stewards' Office for the scheduled hearing.

(6) FARIAS COMPLAINT (CASE #11LA0156)

The above referenced complaint filed against trainer Adan Farias is for a positive test finding of clenbuterol in the post race test sample of the horse "In A Separate Class" who finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on May 15, 2011. Present at this hearing were the Board of Stewards, George Slender, Albert Christiansen, Randy Winick and Safety Steward James Dreyer, Special Investigator Tom Blake, Certified Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein and the respondent, trainer Adan Farias.

Steward George Slender went on the record and asked Mr. Farias if he was prepared to go forward with his defense today and Mr. Farias responded that he wanted to retain an attorney to represent him and that this attorney was unable to be present today. Steward Slender told Mr. Farias that this is his right but that he should have informed the Stewards and Investigators in a more timely manner. Investigator Blake said that he would inform the California Horse Racing Board in Sacramento and that a date would be forthcoming for the continuance. We then went off the record.

(7) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards called for an Inquiry following the finish of the (Quarter Horse – 300 yard) first race to review an incident just after the start involving #8 "Miss Curly Star" (2nd – R. Aceves) coming inward on #7 "Thischicksgotrhythm" (4th – G. Suarez) and #6 "Hazitall Too" (9th – E. Nicasio) pinching them between #5 "Yakeeta Yak" (7th – G. Boag) who was coming outward from his path into #6, putting pressure on #7. After a thorough review of the taped replay and talking to the riders involved, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify both #5 and #8 in tandem and place them behind #6 for equally interfering with both #6 and #7.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – (8) – 4 – 7 – 10 – 1 – (5) – 9 – 6

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 4 – 7 – 10 – 1 – 9 – 6 – (8) – (5)

(8) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was lit immediately after the finish of the (Quarter Horse – 300 yard) fifth

race to review a bumping incident just after the start involving #1 "Unassuming" (2nd – G. Suarez) coming out and into #2 "Teller To Love Me" (10th – G. Boag) bumping that one twice and causing interference. After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the taped replay, the Stewards in a unanimous decision, disqualified #1 for costing #2 the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 9 – (1) – 3 – 10 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 2

Official Order of Finish: 9 – 3 – 10 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 2 – (1)

(9) TENTH RACE – INQUIRY/ ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

The Stewards called for an Inquiry following the running of the (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) tenth race for an incident in the last fifty (50) yards before the finish line, where #3 "Grey Ironman" (D.N.F. – E. Nicasio) took a funny step and unseated his rider while racing in the clear. After a review of the taped replay the Stewards made the race official as originally finished as there were no horses compromised by this incident. (Accident report attached).

(10) DECLARATION, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 3 Sheaintcatchable (Tr. S. Sanchez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$122.00.

2nd Race - # 1 Single Shot (Tr. D. Ekins) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$424.00.

5 Wager The Farm (Tr. V. Zamudio) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$287.00.

7 Ahh Lover claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.

8 Gratis claimed, Tr. M. Loza.

5th Race - # 3 Roomie Jack claimed, Tr. A. Farias.

8th Race - # 2 Comebacker claimed, Tr. A. Soto.

4 Firebaugh Streak claimed, Tr. M. Loza.

9th Race - # 1 Carnaval (Tr. J. Lackey) Stewards – stake.
Refund: \$80.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,140	On Track Handle:	\$174,297.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,548</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$338,972.20
Total:	3,688	Out of State:	<u>\$731,547.39</u>
		Total:	\$1,244,816.99

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$386,207

SATURDAY

08/27/2011 (1)

CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races exclusively for California-breds were offered for Saturday. The third race in the condition book was for maiden two year olds going 300 yards and was called off, attracting only one CAL-BRED entrant. The seventh race was for three year olds and up for a claiming price of \$8,000 going 300 yards, also failing to fill, and was called off with three, two being CAL-BRED.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey F. J. Rubio was in to review the first race from Friday evening where his mount drifted out while following the horse to his outside who angled out after the break. The Stewards told Mr. Rubio he needs to be more aware of his horses drifting outward and that he must be quicker to react. Francisco agreed to do a better job in the future.

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves also appeared to review the first race from Friday evening where his horse broke in and bumped the horse to his inside and a disqualification resulted. After a thorough review it was apparent that although his mount did come in and make contact, Rodrigo never did veer that far off his path and several other horses inside of him also contributed to the confusion that ensued. No suspension was given, but a strong warning

was issued stating that he should be a little quicker to grab his horse immediately when the slightest movement inward commences.

(3) FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS – FAILED TO APPEAR

The following rulings were issued to the respective licensees for failure to appear before the Board of Stewards to try and resolve their financial complaints filed by Equine Sports Medicine for veterinary services rendered.

RULING #167

FOREMAN MARCELINO HERNANDEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27, 2011, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #11LA0242, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCELINO HERNANDEZ 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.

RULING #168

OWNER CESAR SALAZAR, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27, 2011, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #11LA0243, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CESAR SALAZAR 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.

(4) RODRIGUEZ HEARING (CASE# 11LA0247)

Trainer Miguel Rodriguez appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the above referenced complaint for a positive test finding of flunixin (banamine) for the horse "Game Of Luck," who finished second (2nd) in the first (1st) race on July 24, 2011.

Miguel elected to proceed with an informal hearing and signed a waiver to reflect this. Miguel stated that he was out of town on race day and that the person he left in charge to run the horse for him treated the horse with banamine paste instead of calcium paste, which was for the horse tying up. Miguel had treated "Game Of Luck" two days previously with banamine paste thinking that was all he would get. It appears to be that a double dose was given mistakenly. The Stewards informed Mr. Rodriguez it is still his responsibility regardless. The Stewards issued the following ruling with the amount being determined by Miguel's poor medication history, especially over the last sixteen months.

RULING #169

TRAINER MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "GAME OF LUCK" IN THE FIRST RACE ON JULY 24, 2011, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)* 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, B & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (A) (C-2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 50 NG/ML (122 NG/ML - CLASS IV).

(5) RODRIGUEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued to reflect the California Horse Racing Board's adoption of hearing Officer Scott Chaney's proposed decision concerning trainer Miguel Rodriguez's positive test finding of clenbuterol in the post race test sample of the horse "Dash Beduina" on April 1, 2011 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

RULING #170

TRAINER MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ WHO STARTED "DASH BEDUINA" ON APRIL 1, 2011 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS SUSPENDED FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS (AUGUST 30, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2011) AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1844 (B)(E)(9)(F) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - CLENBUTEROL) AND #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ 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.

(6) SUAREZ RULING

The following ruling was issued to jockey Guillermo Suarez after the Stewards reviewed the film of last night's fifth race with jockey Antonio Alberto, who represented Guillermo as he could not be there. The incident involved Mr. Suarez breaking out sharply from the #1 post position and bumping #2. Antonio told the Stewards that Guillermo knows he came out and could have reacted quicker and left it in the Steward's hands. That being said, the following ruling was issued.

RULING #171

AUGUST 26, 2011, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 3RD, 4TH AND 9TH, 2011) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO TENTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES - CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(7) RACING PROGRAM

This evening's racing was conducted without significant incident.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 3 Speed Snowbound jockey J Chavis replaced Ramon Sanchez
 3rd Race - # 1 JKP Smoked Fish jockey Cody Jensen replaced Ramon Sanchez
 7th Race - # 4 Oregan Rain claimed, Tr. M. Rodriguez.
 8th Race - # 5 Scatter Sunshine jockey Rodrigo Aceves replaced Ramon Sanchez (sick).
 9th Race - # 10 AJs Kissntell (Tr. L. Hernandez) vet – sick, Dr. Beck. Refund: \$508.00.
 10th Race - # 1 Louie Prima jockey Irving Orozco replaced Guillermo Suarez (no show).
 # 4 El Kadu jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (sick).

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,194	On Track Handle:	\$154,199.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,299</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$333,159.90
Total:	3,493	Out of State:	<u>\$662,967.96</u>
		Total:	\$1,150,327.46

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$381,247

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>
8/26/2011	1	3	Sheaintcatchable	S. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$122
	3	1	Single Shot	D. Ekins	Sick	Hackathorn	\$424
	2	5	Wager The Farm	V. Zamudio	Sick	Hackathorn	\$287
8/27/2011	9	10	AJs Kissntell	L. Hernandez	Sick	Beck	\$508
8/28/2011	5	7	Two Corona	M. Loza	Unsound	Hackathorn	\$6,163
	6	4	Corona Purce	J. Flores	Injured	Hackathorn	\$256
	10	2	Corona With A Fan	R. Viramontes	Sick	Beck	\$160

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 28, 2011.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period twenty-two horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: eleven for soundness, two for injury, six for sickness, one for medication, one for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Fifteen 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	FRI 08/26	SAT 08/27	SUN 08/28	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	1	2	27
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	36
CLAIMS			R		5	1	8	14	506
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	2	0	0	2	47
INQUIRIES	D				3	0	0	3	93
REFUNDS		A			4	1	4	9	291
RULINGS			Y		1	5	0	6	171

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

Ruben Moreno (Safety Steward)