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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 28, 2012 through September 2, 2012.

TUESDAY

08/28/2012

(1) DUTY STEWARD

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book for maidens two years old, going 300 yards, failed to fill CAL-BRED but went open with three CAL-BREDS in a six horse field. Sub race #1 for two year olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 350 yards, had one entry.

(3) THE DRAW

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

WEDNESDAY

08/29/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes at scratch time.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED, neither of which filled. The first race in the book for maidens, two years old, claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards, had one entry. Sub race #1 for two year olds, claiming price \$4,000, going 330 yards, attracted two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

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

THURSDAY

08/30/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED in the condition book, neither of which filled.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Sunday's program. Three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races make up the program.

FRIDAY

08/31/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) RULINGS #134 & #135RULING #134

IN THE MATTER OF: BRIAN NORWOOD

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER BRIAN NORWOOD ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING # 132, DATED AUGUST 25, 2012, SUSPENDING MR. NORWOOD FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND MR. NORWOOD IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

RULING #135

IN THE MATTER OF: MIGUEL OSORIO

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER MIGUEL OSORIO ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING # 29, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2012, SUSPENDING MR. OSORIO FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND MR. OSORIO IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

These rulings were issued after being notified by Equine Sports Medicine that both clients had paid in full.

(3) NEW APPRENTICE

Jockey Jonathan Roman applied for an apprentice license today. The nineteen year old rider has ridden about forty (40) mule and quarter horse races.

(4) INFORMAL HEARING

Alejandro Romo appeared for an informal hearing and represented himself. This was Mr. Romo's first offense and he admitted he smoked marijuana twenty-two days before voluntarily being tested. Mr. Romo stated he has quit smoking marijuana since the problem. The respondent was not in possession of the drug.

(5) JOCKEY REVIEWS DISQUALIFICATION

Jockey Leonardo Gonzalez appeared to review last Sunday's disqualification of his mount. The rider's horse swerved suddenly, after breaking straight and the rider was not held responsible.

(6) FORMAL HEARING

Owner/groom Francisco Noriega appeared to address complaint #12LA0162. It is alleged that Mr. Noriega violated California Horse Racing Board Rules #1890 (Possession of Contraband – Needles and Syringes) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). Present at the hearing were the respondent, his representative Chaplain Sergio Armas, interpreter Security Officer Orlando Aguilar, Special Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Supervising Special Investigator Tom Blake, who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board and Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein who recorded the proceedings. After argument, marking the exhibits and examination of witnesses, the record was closed and the matter was deemed submitted. Decision to follow.

(7) GOOD RACING

Nine races were completed without a reportable incident.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 7 A Mere Jewel (Tr. K. Watanabe) enter back, Stewards.

Refund: \$115.00.

4th Race - # 6 Hot Little Secret (Tr. S. Willoughby) enter back, Stewards.

Refund: \$432.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,011	On Track Handle:	\$160,765.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,278</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$445,195.20
Total:	3,289	Out of State:	<u>\$784,614.51</u>
		Total:	\$1,390,575.41

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$315,661

SATURDAY

09/01/2012

(1) ROMO RULINGRULING #136

GROOM ALEJANDRO F. ROMO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - MARIJUANA).

FURTHER SUBJECT MUST SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

This ruling was agreed upon after weighing the facts of yesterday's informal hearing. Mr. Romo was a first offender and appears ready to improve himself.

(2) NORIEGA RULINGRULING #137

OWNER/GROOM FRANCISCO NORIEGA IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2012) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND - SYRINGES WITH NEEDLES) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES OF FRANCISCO NORIEGA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) FRANCISCO NORIEGA IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after due consideration of yesterday's formal hearing. Mr. Noriega had needles and syringes in his possession within the enclosure. Although evidence points toward the contraband being for human use, it still could be used on horses. The respondent is a first time offender but the needles and syringes are a serious matter.

(3) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was conducted to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #12LA0167. The case involves an alleged positive for Clenbuterol. The respondent at the hearing was the trainer of record Hector Sanchez. Present at the hearing were trainer Hector Sanchez, who elected to represent himself, Supervising Senior Investigator Tom Blake who presented the case for California Horse Racing Board, the Board of Stewards and Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein who recorded the proceedings. Argument was presented by both parties, exhibits marked, examination of witnesses completed and the record was closed. Decision in the matter at a later date.

(4) SANCHEZ RULINGRULING #138

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD THAT URINE SAMPLE# LA21145, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "NOZOMU", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 21, 2012, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (CLASS III). IT IS ORDERED THAT "NOZOMU" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$3,135.00) EARNED BY OWNER DANTE V. MANDUJANO, TRAINER HECTOR J. SANCHEZ AND JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY OCTOBER 1, 2012 FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITH HELD)

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST	SKYUKA
2ND	DEALIN OUT SURPRISES
3RD	A REGAL PAT
4TH	KISH KISH
5TH	SKYNLAJOLLA
6TH	THE KING COLIMAN

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARI-MUTUEL PAYOFFS.

This ruling was issued at the conclusion of the formal hearing for trainer Hector Sanchez's clenbuterol positive.

(5) JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Gregorio Arriaga appeared to review last night's third race with the Stewards. The rider was alerted to make a better effort to maintain a straight course.

(6) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the first race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident at the start. Involved were the fourth place finisher #4 "Special RJ" (jockey Alex Bautista) and the three horses inside of him. After talking with two of the riders involved and reviewing the replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #4 from fourth and place him last, behind #3 for interference at the start. Replays show #4 break sharply in at the start, eliminating #3 from any chance in the race, continuing in and interfering with #2 and #1.

Original Order of Finish: 5 – 7 – 2 – (4) – 1 – 3
 Official Order of Finish: 5 – 7 – 2 – 1 – 3 – (4)

(7) 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 #7 "Fire Czech" (jockey Juan Andrade) and the last place horse #5 "What A Find Man" (jockey Osvaldo Macias). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #7 from second place and place him last, behind #5, for interference at the start. Replays show #7 veer in at the break, bump #6 into #5, costing the latter the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – (7) – 6 – 4 – 3 – 5
 Official Order of Finish: 2 – 6 – 4 – 3 – 5 – (7)

(8) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the finish of the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Replays verify that #1 “Auto Rotate” (jockey Gregorio Arriaga) drops his head at the break and refuses. As the gate opened properly and the horse causes his own problem, he was declared a starter.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 6 Check My Mind (Tr. H. Sanchez) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$335.00.

3rd Race - # 3 Loon Lost (Tr. C. Treece) rider refused, Stewards.
Refund: \$9,654.00.

4th Race - # 1 Ahilesvoy (Tr. J. Aleman) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$414.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,166	On Track Handle:	\$164,663.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,194</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$481,536.30
Total:	3,360	Out of State:	<u>\$648,106.29</u>
		Total:	\$1,294,305.89

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$264,282

SUNDAY

09/02/2012

(1) SANCHEZ RULINGRULING #139

TRAINER HECTOR J. SANCHEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "NOZOMU" IN THE SECOND RACE ON JULY 21, 2012, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2012) AND FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A&B) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES - CLENBUTEROL) AND #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF HECTOR J. SANCHEZ 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 evaluating the information from yesterday's formal hearing. The penalty is the same rendered in similar recent Clenbuterol positives.

(2) NAVARRO RULINGRULING #140

TRAINER ELOY NAVARRO IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2012) AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1840 (VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED), #1843 (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1864 (LABELING OF MEDICATIONS), #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND) (A&B) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ELOY 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.

The above ruling was arrived at after completing the hearing for Francisco Noriega. This case (Eloy Navarro) and Noriega's case are tied together. Mr. Navarro's groom had needles and syringes (Noriega) in his possession and unlabeled medication was found in Navarro's tackroom.

(3) FINANCIAL SETTLED

Groom Norman Molduar contends trainer Vod Farris owes him \$600 in back wages. Trainer Farris says he owes Mr. Molduar \$100. Neither party has acceptable records. So what are we to do? The two parties showed disdain for each other at the hearing. Farias will pay the groom \$300 by the end of the month.

(4) RIDERS REVIEW DISQUALIFICATIONS

Alex Bautista and Juan Andrade appeared to review their respective disqualifications from last night's races. Both riders' races were similar to each other and both made acceptable efforts to correct their mounts.

(5) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident at the quarter pole turn. Involved were the second place finisher #5 "Last Chance Bobby" (jockey Cheryl Charlton) and the last place horse #4 "Beer Friday" (jockey Ramon Guce). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #4, going into the turn, having trouble negotiating the turn, thus creating his own problem.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race - # 1 Tribal Mobile (Tr. J. Avalos) colic, Dr. Beck.

Refund: \$458.00.

2 Moment of Inertia (Tr. A. Soto) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$918.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,054	On Track Handle:	\$134,473.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,977</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$404,371.30
Total:	3,031	Out of State:	<u>\$618,243.21</u>
		Total:	\$1,157,087.51

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$275,305

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>
9/2/2012	4	1	Tribal Mobile	J. Avalos	Colic	Beck	\$458
	4	2	Moment of Inertia	A. Soto	Injured	Hackathorn	\$918

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted September 2, 2012. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, one for injury, one for sickness, four for medication, none for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. 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	FRI 08/31	SAT 09/01	SUN 09/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	17
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		3	3	5	11	269
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	0	2	43
INQUIRIES	D				0	3	1	4	71
REFUNDS		A			2	3	2	7	239
RULINGS			Y		2	3	2	7	140

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

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Safety Steward)